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## Here's Real GI Six-by-Six

By Sgt. Brendan J. Connolly

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex. — He's rough on supply sergeants and rougher on scales. In fact, he's plain tough.

Described by a medical officer as "Mr. Six-by-Six," Pvt. Richard Akromis, 32-year-old recruit from Omaha, Nebr., edged his 319 pounds into Co. A, 59th Bn., MRTC, last week and Sgt. Fred Gross, company supply sergeant, has been groaning ever since.

Akromis, it seems, is not what you would call a "fat-man." Standing 6 feet 1 inch tall, Akromis has a powerful build, carries his weight well, and resembles a flying fortress rather than an observation balloon.

Because of his massive build, it is difficult to secure clothing for him. Akromis arrived here wearing fatigues, the biggest set they could find at his reception center. They couldn't find trousers and shirt large enough for him. Sergeant Gross has been plying tape ever since the recruit arrived, and reports the following measurements:

Overcoat, 50-R (largest GI listed is 46-R); shirt, 19-34 (largest is 19-6); trousers, 50-33 (largest are 46-33); raincoat, large (isn't large enough); drawers, size 50 (largest is 44); undershirt, size 54 (largest is 46); socks, size 13 1/2 (largest are 12); cap, 7 1/2 (largest is 7 1/2); leggings, 4-R (largest on hand, 3-R); shoes, 13EE (largest on hand was 12EE); belt, 56; gloves, 10.

"It runs in the family," says the Omahan of his prodigious size. "My father weighs 265, and I have seven brothers and three of them are over 200 pounds."

Believed to be the heaviest Nebraskan (at least) ever inducted into the Army, Akromis is a former packing house worker who, according to his fellow employees, is perfectly at home while tossing a 250-pound quarter of beef onto a scales single-handed.

He was not always so heavy. Back in 1928, when he was star halfback for South Omaha High, he tipped the beam at 188.

"Since then," Akromis says, "I have put weight on gradually. I don't know why, but maybe it was the beer I drank. My father owns a bar in Omaha."

When Akromis was inducted, the medical officer in charge of the examining board, Capt. J. A. Longo, said: "Ordinarily, we accept only men under 225 pounds, and only then if they are taller than six feet, but Akromis' weight is so evenly distributed that the weight clause was waived."



Double Private Akromis

## Yank Cars 'De-Radioed'

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND — How all American cars which are expected to be used in action, or in transport close to enemy lines, are being equipped with "radio suppressors" was described here this week.

Ordnance officers call this one of their most essential jobs.

It has been known for some time that the Germans could detect a truck convoy by the radio impulses it sends out as its motors turn over. Under favorable conditions it is possible to tell how large the convoy is and how fast it is moving. British and Americans also know the trick

and use it. It makes secret movements under cover of darkness extremely difficult.

Every spark plug, and perhaps every wheel that turns, in a truck is just like a miniature broadcasting station. It is generating wild currents that escape into the air and cause static in radio receivers.

Specially-designed radio receivers are so accurate they can determine the source of the interference and approximately what kind of an object is causing it. And that plays havoc with secret night movements. But with the work being done now

no American cars intended for use in the battle zone will be permitted to let their "broadcasts" escape into the air. Means of eliminating the electrical impulses have been worked out in detail.

Of course, the details are a military secret. Broadly, the means consists of putting condensers in strategic places so that the parts involved do not transmit, or transmit so feebly that the impulses cannot be detected a few feet away. Also all the parts so bonded electrically that the "wild currents" have no chance to escape.

Each car and truck is rigidly tested for this before it leaves the ordnance depot. Otherwise it might literally shout its own description to the world and enemy technicians probably could determine whether it was a truck a mile away or a jeep a half mile away.

In the early days of the war on the continent, it is believed, some convoys may have been lost because of failure to recognize this. Germans were reported carrying experiments in this line shortly after the last war. The extent to which their technique may have developed is unknown, but the Yanks aren't taking any chances.

Military personnel are prohibited from buying shoes for any but personal use, and are directed to buy only enough pairs to meet their minimum shoe requirements. As in the case of civilians, however, military personnel living with their families may transfer their shoe stamp to any other member of the family.

## How Shoe Rationing Affects Soldiers Explained by WD

The War Department announced this week stringent regulations governing the acquisition of all shoes by military personnel except shoes issued to enlisted men for field service.

Officers and enlisted men not drawing "issue" shoes in the field, who hold War Ration Book No. 1, will use it to purchase shoes in the same manner as civilians.

Officers and enlisted men who do not hold War Ration Book No. 1, or who do hold it, but have already used the stamp now designated for shoes, must purchase shoes on the basis of a shoe certificate which can be obtained from an authorized offi-

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

## Krueger Heads New 6th Army

Commands Most Combat Troops in Southwest Pacific

Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger heads the new 6th U. S. Army which will include most American combat troops in the Southwest Pacific. Formation of the Army was recommended by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of the Allied Forces in that area, because American strength there had reached a point where formation of a field army became desirable.

Maj. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges

takes command of the Third Army, with headquarters at San Antonio, Tex., succeeding Krueger. As commanding general of the Third Army he will hold the rank of Lieutenant general. He was formerly commanding general of the X Corps. During the last war, General Hodges was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for courageous leadership of a storming party across the Meuse River, and the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives.

General Hodges was born at Perry, Ga., in 1887. He served as a cadet in the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., in 1904-1905.

He enlisted in the Regular Army in 1906, serving for three years as private, corporal and sergeant of the 17th Infantry at Fort McPherson, Ga. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry in 1909.

In October, 1940, General Hodges was designated Commandant of the Infantry School. In March, 1941, he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Infantry, Washington, D. C., becoming Acting Chief of Infantry. He was appointed Chief of Infantry in May, 1941. In March, 1942, he was assigned to Birmingham, Ala., as Commanding General of the Replacement and School Command of the Army Ground Forces, and was later appointed Commanding General of the X Corps.

## Cooks to Learn Use Of Dehydrated Food

Instruction in the proper preparation and handling of dehydrated food products will be extended to all Army cooks through a special series of one-week courses to be given in some 80 Bakers and Cooks Schools under the supervision of the Quartermaster Corps in each of the nine Army Service Commands, the War Department announced.

An intensive course of instruction on the use of dehydrated foods already has been given at the School for Bakers and Cooks at Fort Sheridan, Ill., to several officers and to enable them to serve as instructors from each of the Service Commands qualified non-commissioned officers in the new course. A second instructor-type course at the Quartermaster Subsistence Research Laboratory in Chicago for additional members of the instructor staff is now being planned.

each parent Bakers and Cooks School

Plans now under consideration provide for courses in the Army Service Command Bakers and Cooks Schools to be given by the officers and enlisted men who have com-

and in Chicago. They will train officers and enlisted men from the sub-schools, who in turn will conduct courses in the use of dehydrated foods for cooks and selected students from all units or detachments in the vicinity of the sub-school.

The Dehydrated Foods Cooking Manual, the first American cookbook which deals exclusively with the preparation and cooking of dehydrated foods, will serve as a training manual in the new courses, and will be supplemented by bulletins, diagrams with all types of equipment and lectures employing visual aid instruc-

## Louis to Be In Movie

FORT RILEY, Kans.—Joe Louis,

world's heavyweight boxing champion, has been assigned to appear in Warner Bros.' screen version of Irving Berlin's "This Is the Army." The sergeant, who was given the opportunity of declining this detail if he preferred, has elected to report to Army officers in command of the unit. During filming he will live with a detachment of troops not far from the Warner studio, and between scenes will report back to his camp for regular military training.

Joe has been stationed at Fort Riley since last July as a member of a cavalry troop. His duties have included acting as instructor for camp boxing teams. After his tour of duty at Warner's, Louis has no idea where the Army will send him next.

## 38-Year-Olds Must Ask For Release by May 1

Enlisted men 38 years and over who hope to be discharged in order to accept employment in an essential industry must submit their applications before May 1, if they are stationed within the continental limits of the United States—before June 1 if they are stationed outside the U. S.—the War Department ruled this week.

If the application is not made before the date set, the enlisted man forfeits any right to discharge.

The Army last week ruled that it is not necessary that a trained man be available to replace the discharged soldier, but his release must not disrupt the efficiency of any organization.

Other provisions which must be complied with for discharge are:

1. The individual must have attained his 38th birthday on or before Feb. 28, 1943.

2. He must have been enlisted or inducted on or before Feb. 28, 1943.

Provisions for soldiers overseas differ from those of men stationed in the U. S. In two additional particulars: commanders are authorized to waive the provision that the applicant must furnish proof that he has future employment; and a trained replacement must be ready and available.

Although applications must be made by a certain date, the War Department said that many men will not be released until later.

## McClellan Jeepers Assist Creepers



FORT McCLELLAN, Ala.—That little sticker the officer is pasting on his windshield is calculated to bring grins as broad as his own to the fame of many a soldier here at Fort McClellan.

It's the emblem of the Jeeper Society and society, made up of both civilian and military car owners, is pledged to give a soldier lift from the fort to town or vice versa or, in fact, anywhere they can.

The Jeeper campaign was instituted by the CYCLE, newspaper of the Infantry Replacement Training Center, to help alleviate a serious transportation problem here. With local transportation facilities taxed to capacity the problem of the enlisted man's getting to town,

even once a week, has reached a critical stage. Thousands are left stranded each Saturday night since the nearest city, Anniston, is more than seven miles from the fort and too far for walking.

Already hundreds of officers and enlisted men driving their own cars have enrolled in the Jeeper Society and like Lt. Paul McIver, above, they're helping solve the situation by packing their cars with soldiers on every trip to town they make.

Augmenting the Army men are many civilians who've responded to an invitation to enroll in the society. The Kiwanis Club of Anniston has sponsored the civilian phase of the campaign and already has signed many residents of Anniston and other nearby communities.

## 36 Bagpipers May Inspire 8th TDs to Greater Glory

CAMP BOWIE, Tex.—If it should come to pass that someone should spy 36 bagpipers, two base drum "boomers," and eight snare drummers playing and parading around Camp Bowie, he should not rub his eyes and be led to think that the "Ladies from Hell" of World War I have turned up here. Advance notice is given that if such a set of drum and pipers is seen, it will be the "Laddies" of the 8th Tank Destroyer Group, commanded by Col. Harry C. Larmer Jr.

A requisition, signed by Maj. Samuels R. McRorie, supply officer of the

group, for the number of instruments listed, was received by the Special Service officer here. Word has been received that the outfit already possesses a number of pipes and it was confirmed that it has a number of good pipers who will teach other men how to "toot the hoot," or "hoot the toot."

If it is at all possible to obtain the instruments, the 8th Tank Destroyer Group will receive 36 bagpipes, two base drums and eight snare drums, it was learned.

Camp Bowie soldiers can now look forward to making "reveille" to "I'll Be in Scotland Afore Ye."

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## GI Joe College Will Find School Is No Soft Berth

A lot of privates will be going back to college this year—or so they hope.

Starting March 1 the Army will foot the bill to give technical or basic college training to men with special aptitudes. The number taken this year will probably be less than 50,000, but the total is expected to rise eventually to more than 150,000 a year.

### Shortage Acute

Last May, when the Army numbered only 4 million men, Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, commander of the service of supplies, made the startling disclosure that it lacked approximately 838,000 skilled technicians. With the Army growing rapidly, that number has undoubtedly increased greatly.

Most of the men who complete the college course under Army supervision will return to the ranks as technical sergeants. However, some will be permitted to go on to OCS.

There will be ample opportunity for every soldier to prove that he should be chosen for the special training if he really has the qualifications. A "screening" board of classification experts will be established at most posts and traveling boards will cover the others.

First thing a soldier must do to be chosen is prove during his 13 weeks of basic training that he has qualities of leadership. Except in rare exceptional cases, no soldier will be sent back to college until he has completed basic.

First tip is for the soldier to come equipped with or write to his college dean for a record of his credits. At present selections will be made from men who were undergraduates when they entered the Army. Later on, some high school graduates may be included in the program.

There is about to open for the soldier-student a wide range of technical and professional courses. Engineering courses will begin first, with other types of training expected to be under way by April 1.

The bulk of the men to be trained will be students in some field of engineering, such as mechanical, chemical, electrical and civil. The second largest group will be in medicine. There will also be courses in psychology, with training directed toward classification work. A fourth group will take "foreign area" studies for soldiers with a liberal arts background, credits in international relations and a knowledge of at least one foreign language.

The soldiers assigned to "foreign area" studies will become liaison officers to serve between the Army and foreign populations in captured territory, or in freed conquered countries. Theirs will be the task of aiding in the rehabilitation of government and whole populations, in rendering relief and in feeding the starving until established civilian control is set up.

Major emphasis on training at the basic or freshman level, will be on physics and mathematics. Second to these subjects will be American history, utilitarian English (including one term of scientific writing), and world geography, with due emphasis on its synthetic aspects.

After completing the basic level, Colonel Beukema explained, those students selected for further instruction will concentrate on their specialties in engineering, medicine, psychology and foreign areas.

When the soldier goes back to college, he will find out he is still under strict military discipline. Reveille will be at 6:30 a.m., taps at 10:30 p.m. When taps is sounded he will be ready enough to call it a day.

He won't fall into a soft berth for the duration—as many no doubt are inclined to believe. His weekly schedule of approximately 60 hours will be harder than that of the average civilian collegian.

### Schedule Tough

Here it is: Twenty-four hours in classroom and laboratory, 24 hours of supervised study assigned to be done outside the class, six hours of Army supervised physical training and five hours of military drill.

On Saturdays, in midafternoon, he will be free to take a quick trip out of town, perhaps, or drop in at the nearest USO.

The real vacation period, however, comes at the end of each 12 weeks—a week's furlough before the start of the next quarter.

He won't be permitted to engage in intercollegiate sports on the college team. His physical training, however, will include some phases of competitive intramural sports. He will run several miles a day, hurdle the inevitable Army "obstacle" course, box, wrestle and learn a thing or two about rough and tumble, hand-to-hand fighting.

### Courses Vary

How long Private Doe remains in college training depends entirely on the course to which he is assigned. The shortest course is mechanical engineering—a matter of six quarters of 12 weeks each. Electrical and civil engineering, for instance, will require seven quarters. If he is chosen as a "foreign area" student, he may expect to remain anywhere from six months to 15 months before going back to a military unit.

Except for his uniform and Army discipline and supervision, he will be much like any other student on the campus. His teachers will be for the most part regular members of the college faculty. Only the small part of his training that is definitely military will be done by Army personnel.

If he flunks out, back he goes to camp. Otherwise, the reward of good scholarship and aptitude is advancement to another term.

## Monroe Salvoes

FORT MONROE, Va.—The Infantile Paralysis Campaign conducted on the post has netted a total of \$133,54 in voluntary contributions from personnel of the post . . . Leaders in the drive were the men of Battery A of Col. Wilmer S. Phillips' Coast Artillery Regiment and the men of the Fourth Training Battery.

To facilitate the filing of accurate income tax returns, the Bureau of Internal Revenue has arranged to send several representatives, who are scheduled to hold forth on Feb. 18 at the Hotel Chamberlin for the benefit of officers and on Feb. 19 at the YMCA for the benefit of enlisted men.

A drive to collect books for servicemen has been inaugurated on the post by the Victory Book Committee. The collection of the books is being handled by the post's Boy Scout chapter, which will turn the books over to the post library.

### CAGERS

The record of the post basketball team now stands at 12 victories to 3 defeats, with recent wins over Unit A and Unit B of the Portsmouth Navy Yard and over the Portsmouth Navy Yard Marines. The team's high scorer is John Herbick, formerly of Akron University. To date, the team has rolled up the impressive average of 60 points per game as against an average of 49 points per game for their opponents.

AGF Gets New Chief of Staff

Appointment of Col. James G. Christiansen to succeed Brig. Gen. Floyd L. Parks as chief of staff of the Army Ground Forces, as the latter moves to a new assignment, was announced this week by the War Department. Col. William L. Mitchell, former secretary of the General Staff, succeeds Colonel Christiansen as deputy chief of staff. Lt. Col. Louis W. Truman will succeed Colonel Mitchell.

Colonel Christiansen attended the University of California for one year before entering West Point, from which he was graduated in 1918 with a commission as second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers.

Among his varied assignments have been two years in Alaska with the Alaska Road Commission, service with a mounted engineer battalion, several years with engineer regiments at various stations, and a period as instructor in Military History at the United States Military Academy.

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# Fairy Story

**Odd Names on Roster Give Soldiers Idea for New Game**

**CAMP POLK, La.**—The many odd names on the roster of the Eleventh Armored Division's Headquarters Company created a new game which may edge out gin rummy.

Here's Pvt. James A. White's contribution which won last week's prize:

Cain and Abel, named after the Biblical characters, found themselves assigned in Camp Polk. Being always on the ball, they never gave anyone any sass or dreamed of going over the Hillery.

They became buddies and were rated O-Kay. But true to the scriptures, a quarrel ensued. Cain made Abel do all the manual labor which made Abel very mad.

"You've made me take the Rapp and this has Armacost me plenty," Abel said. With a Haas laugh, Cain replied: "Pivarunas!" Abel then shouted: "Buttinski!" To which Cain jeered: "Opilinski!"

With those fighting words Cain gave Abel a hot Foote. Then, quick as a Fleish, Abel retaliated with such a hearty bust in the face that Cain heard Birdsongs.

Feeling his Oates, Cain taunted Abel by shouting: "You're all wet I Betzer." "How about yourself," the other retorted, "You're half way between a Sprinkle and a Blizzard." "Quit beating around the Bush," Barkered Cain. "Let's go back to work."

So Lo Presti! They both changed into their Fettigs and got back on the job which was exterminating the barracks and at last reports, Cain was heard shouting to Abel: "Quick, Henry!" the Flitcraft!"

## Become Citizens

## Old Law Used To Make Yanks

**CAMP BUTNER, N. C.**—Taking advantage of an old but seldom employed statute, 24 foreign-born Camp Butner soldiers officially became United States citizens when they swore allegiance to the American flag and took the oath of naturalization in a special one-day term of the Superior Court in Durham, N. C.

By commission of Gov. J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina, Judge Leo Carr came to Durham to conduct the Superior Court in its on-day session. This action was necessary because the court was closed and North Carolina law states naturalization proceedings must be conducted in "open" court.

As a rule, naturalization proceedings are conducted by federal court. However, an aged statute setting forth procedure gives states the right to naturalize. Since time was valuable in these soldiers' case, Camp Butner officials petitioned Governor Broughton to open the Durham Superior Court for a special one-day term.

Soldiers representing 11 different nationalities took the oath of citizenship. The nationalities included 10 from Britain; three from Canada; two each from Norway and Italy, and one each from Poland, Armenia, Germany, Cuba, Malta, Ireland, and Luxembourg. Many of the servicemen applied for and were granted permission to change their names by the court.

The entire proceeding was state-conducted except for a federal examiner who interview each petitioner before the oath of naturalization was administered.

## Recruit Claims Grenade Record

**CAMP RUCKER, Ala.**—What possibly is a record for the Second Army (and assuredly is something for Wildcats to shoot at) was set this week on the hand grenade court by a private in Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller's 81st Division, when he tossed the pineapple for a score of 99 out of a possible 100.

The soldier, Marshall O. Bell, has been in the Army only since October. His one-point miss in an almost perfect record was made on the main course distance throw—and was only one foot short of the target.

**AUSTRALIAN TRAINS** have no steam heat; passengers carry blankets in cold weather.

# Butner Linemen at Home in the Air

**CAMP BUTNER, N. C.**—Most soldiers do their calisthenics on the firm ground, but not men of the 261st Signal Construction Company, crack Negro telephone linemen of the Second Army Special Troops training here under command of Col. Sidney S. Eberle.

Perched near the top of tall practice telephone poles which dot the 261st drill field here at Camp Butner

like straight stalks of Iowa corn, these men breeze through arm and leg exercises like trapeze artists.

This is part of their routine training designed to give them full confidence while at work with their leg irons and staunch leather safety straps. Today they are equally at home at the top of a 30-foot telephone pole as on the ground.

The majority of the men are new at the construction of pole lines like

those used throughout the country by major public utilities. They are learning fast says Lt. R. L. Ware, commanding officer and former engineering department supervisor of the Virginia Electric and Power Company of Norfolk.

"Communication lines are the nerve network of modern warfare," explains the lieutenant, "Men of the 261st are being trained as thoroughly as possible. They are getting both a

technical and a combat training background."

In the unit are men from a multitude of civilian occupations. They include Pullman porters, coal truck drivers, janitors, a chef from a Manhattan night club, dental and radio technicians and college graduates.

Just as in most outfits there are men with interesting backgrounds. There are British subjects training here, for example. These are former seamen from the British Honduras, Jamaica and Bahama. They were drafted in Brooklyn—permissible under our draft laws. However, after they have been in service for three months they will have the opportunity of becoming naturalized.

At the termination of their 13-week training period these men can take their places on any line construction team. While their training is principally aimed at the construction of communication nets behind the lines, they are also trained to lay field wire under combat conditions.

The unit is highly mobile with special motorized equipment to speed work. Power-driven reels are used for laying and picking up field wire as trucks roar down a highway. Where the going is tough the work can be done by hand with special light-weight hand reels. Where lines have to be constructed over rocky or extremely hard-surfaced areas, special power-driven jack hammers are available. Every modern development used by civilian utilities companies is now employed by the Army and these men are rapidly learning to use them.

When the war is over, the lieutenant believes, many of the men will find themselves better equipped to earn a livelihood than ever before—and certainly in better physical condition.

When working, a skilled line construction man earns approximately \$50 weekly. Training here under officers who have had civilian line construction experience with major public utilities companies should prove of great value in this regard.



**PRIVATE HENRY GRACE**, training at Camp Butner, N. C., with the 261st Signal Construction Company, Second Army Specialist Troops, thinks nothing of stretching out at the top of a 30-foot telephone pole. He is shown here attaching telephone lines to insulators.

## Sportsman's Paradise

# Soldiers Fish Camp Stream

**CAMP COOKE, Calif.**—Steelheads are coming with the rain.

Trout, that is. Up to 36 inches of silvery, shimmering glorious Steelhead trout—right here in a stream on the Camp Cooke military reservation, almost within casting distance of the barracks of the Victory Division.

The many soldier anglers of the division are delighted by the prospects offered by Santa Ynez River, one of America's best trout streams.

### Rain Starts Sport

Some of the Waltons already have battled the big trout, and at least one officer had his catch fried in the Officers' Mess, to treat—and to convince—his fellow officers.

When the first heavy rain sends the current of the Santa Ynez River tumbling swiftly into the ocean, the Steelheads begin their big run. Following the custom of the salmon, the Steelhead trout leave salt water each year and go into the fresh current of the river to spawn.

Officers and enlisted men alike are fishing the river—except its restricted areas—for the daily limit of three fish each, after duty hours and weekends.

You can see soldiers lining the banks, casting with a variety of

equipment. The Special Services Office here has casting rods, fly rods, creels, spinners, and other accessories to lend them. Those who arrive too late to get one of the split bamboo rods likely go down the river anyway, and fish with a limb of a tree and a piece of laundry twine.

Bullheads (saltwater catfish) can be caught with a tight line off the rocks of the coast. They are hungriest at low tide, which is also the best time to find the usual bait; abalone.

### Bait Question Arises

Good bait is whatever you can catch a fish with. But the old timers from nearby, who have been fishing the stream for years, say the Steelhead trout prefer spinners or salmon eggs.

The Steelhead trout is a slim aristocrat from 16 to 36 inches long, with shining silver sides, and a back of battleship gray. He is a hard-fight fish—the kind that will bend your rod double, then flip off your hook with a powerful swish, just when you think you have him landed.

On the dinner table his flesh is red—a lot like salmon, but more delicate in flavor.

The Steelhead as a game fish was held in such esteem by the late Will Rogers that the humorist made sev-

eral trips to the mouth of the Santa Ynez. Anglers from faraway points in California have made annual trips to try for their limit in Steelheads, but this year fishing on the military Reservation is permitted only to men in uniform.

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## Smear Campaign

It would seem that all hope for a suspension of politics for the duration is gone. Administration opponents feel toward the president and his policies too bitter a hatred to discontinue now their practice of sniping at every move, every statement he or his assistants and advisers make. Now even the Army is under fire.

Last week two members of Congress charged that the Army's feature motion picture, "Prelude to War," produced by ex-Hollywood Director Frank Capra, was a propaganda piece favoring a fourth term for Mr. Roosevelt. Even after the film had been shown to Congress and the charges proved false, these political smear campaigners claimed that parts of the film had been deleted. This Col. E. L. Munson, Jr., technical information officer of the Special Services Division, emphatically denied.

What happened last week is no isolated incident. It is part of a concerted campaign to smear the administration at every opportunity and since the Army is so closely tied to and dependent upon whatever administration is in power at the moment, the Army can expect in the future to be the butt of many more such political attacks.

OWI, for instance, was also under fire for the same reason last week, when it was claimed that its magazine, "Victory," intended for distribution among the peoples of those countries in which we must fight, was also campaigning for the fourth term.

Of course, to the critics it made little difference that such a magazine by winning friends for the U. S. might save many American lives and certainly much grief. Nor did they stop to consider that few if any of the readers of the magazine were potential voters. Here was a chance to stab at the president and they thrust out lustily.

When a congressional committee decided to overthrow the president's executive order limiting salaries to \$25,000, the chief reason it cited for making the change was that by so doing it proved its own independence of the executive department. Whether or not the president's action was valuable in furthering the war effort was given little consideration.

Politics—petty politics everywhere. There isn't much we can do about it now except keep our ears and eyes open and turn out of office in 1944 all those who insist upon putting their own political advantage above the war effort. The soldier has the vote fairly well assured him now. And he has another job added to his many others—to fight the enemy on the home front—the petty politician—as well as the enemy overseas.

## Even Before Nazis Came . . .

# Life in Polish Army Was Tough

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Going without butter, cream, sugar and meat is no new experience for T/5 Joseph Witek, who is stationed here with the 995th Quartermaster Training Company, for as a soldier in the Polish Army in 1937 and 1938 he was accustomed to meager meals and shortages.

### Butter, Meat Rare

Soldiers eating in many of the messhalls in this camp are already experiencing occasional butterless meals in order that men overseas may have it. And while there is a strong likelihood that camp in this country will see further economies in this fare, even the most stringent will not faze Witek.

He is used to breakfasts consisting of coffee without sugar or milk, supplemented only by one pound of rye bread which was divided among three men. Members of the Polish army were treated to butter only on holidays. Meat was a rare delicacy and served only upon the most august occasions.

Here at Edwards, Witek is a cook and is able to compare at first hand the food being served the soldiers of this country in its second year of war and that which was served the Polish army less than a year before Germany's invasion. He declares that there is no comparison and that the American Army is without doubt the "best fed army in the world."

# Black-Out Convoy

By T/SGT. WILLIAM C. BENNETT

Somewhere in Africa

A red light flickering on the long, dark highway  
A blue light ahead, men staring through the dark  
Truck wheels rolling, and the motors' muted thunder,  
As the motor convoy travels onward through the night.

Far, far ahead sounds the gun's low rumble,  
And the trucks push on, for we're needed up ahead;  
On through the night, mountains low'ring all around us,  
And the red light ahead never faltering in its drive.

On, on and onward, with the stars high above us,  
And the black road rolling, as we travel on down;  
Drivers straining eyes to keep the trucks on the highway,  
Following, ever following, faint black-out lights ahead.

And the guns keep rumbling and the trucks keep rolling.  
For we're needed, oh, so badly, at the front up ahead;  
And the motors' dull grumbling sing a song never ending.  
As the motor convoy travels on through the night.

And the dawn slowly coming finds the trucks still rolling,  
With the mountains hov'ring round us and the road still ahead,  
And the men at the guns on the trucks ever watching  
Lest the war planes catch us as we travel on down.



## Discharged Soldiers Plan to Fight War by Working in Factories

By John G. Fay

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—A steady stream of manpower is flowing into the nation's war industries through a group of huts just across Fourth Avenue from Permanent Theatre No. 1 here.

There—in Headquarters Detachment, Station Complement—are the soldiers who are on their way out of Army life. Over-age or physically disabled, they await orders which will ship them back home. Over and over they tell each other how the job they are returning to will help their buddies, in their old outfits,

fight the Axis.

To a man they'll tell you that, though they couldn't quite keep up with the other fellows in the field, their civilian occupation is the place where they can really help most to win the war.

One tall soldier, wearing sergeant's stripes over a service chevron, just about spoke for the rest when he said:

"I went through the last war and hoped I could go through this one, but just couldn't make it. My boys would have gone through Hell for me. They all called me Pop and when I left there were tears on my cheeks, but I figure my job as yardmaster in an ordnance plant is the one I can do best. I've had 24 years railroad experience, you see."

Another man over 38 awaiting his discharge in what soldiers permanently stationed in the detachment call "a reception center in reverse" plans to use his Army experiences in pepping up a production line over which he will be foreman.

### Sees Production Gain

"When I describe to them what hiking with full field pack or trying to catch a wink of sleep out on bivouac in the rain is like they should turn out twice as much work," he said.

In talking to just the number of men sent home every three or four days through "C.D.D.s," one finds that war plants of nearly as many kinds as there are men will soon be getting new skilled hands.

In Hutment No. 27 is a sailor from

the last war whose plans carry him back to sea in the "Victory Fleet." In the bunk next to him is a chap headed for Rhode Island to turn out the same kind of shirts he now wears. The soldier at the other end of the hut is going back to his trailer-truck to transport war materials out of Baltimore, Md.

Next door are a machinist and a foundry worker, their machines waiting for them in Newark and Pittsburgh, and outside a rigger waits for his return to the job of stringing steel cables in their correct places on ships at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Two more are going back to grow food supplies on their farms, others are slated for jobs on Great Lakes ore boats, and—

But the list could go on and on as men come into Headquarters Detachment as soldiers and go out as war workers, ready to fight the enemy, literally, with hammer and tongs.

## Wheeler Has Officer Only 18 Years Old

CAMP WHEELER, Ga.—Wheeler claims the distinction of having the youngest officer in the armed forces

In Lt. Philip E. Larimore. Lieutenant Larimore recently completed his training course in Officers Candidate School, Ft. Benning, December 20 but was forced to await his 18th birthday before receiving his commission. He was 18 January 4 and received his commission January 20.

## Where'd They Come From?

# War Words

### Parachutist

A parachute is a folding umbrella-like contrivance used for making a safe descent through the air from a great height, especially from an aircraft. In its earliest use it was associated with balloons; the first descent by parachute from a balloon, it is said, was made in 1797 by Jacques Garnerin in France. In its etymology it is also French, from the combining form para—, derived from the imperative of the Italian verb parare, "to shield, defend," and French chute, "a fall," which goes back through Old French to the Latin cadre "to fall,"—the stem of which we see our English word cadence. Thus a parachute literally was something that warded against or prevented a fall. The same para— occurs in parasol, a device to ward off the rays of the sun (Italian sole sun).

Inspections were thorough. A man with an open, loose, or missing button was made to remove all the buttons from the garment and sew them on again in the space of five minutes. Non-commissioned officers were hardboiled. During the inspection they might step up to a man and administer a resounding slap in the face. If the man flinched or cried out he was given further punishment.

### New Cumberland Notes Second Anniversary

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pa.—The New Cumberland Army Reception Center celebrated its second anniversary last Saturday with a military parade passing in review before Lt. Col. William A. Fulmer, post commander.

Parachute has in World War II become definitely a military term. Not only are parachutes for aviators immensely improved but the troops that use them (parachutists or paratroopers) form an organized unit and have assumed great importance.

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### Guerrilla

Guerrilla warfare apparently first received its name from the mode of fighting carried on by independent bands in the north of Spain during the campaigns against Napoleon's soldiers in the Peninsular War. Guerrilla is the Spanish word for "war" and the diminutive ending—illa gave the meaning of "little war," a contest waged on a smaller or more irregular scale. The French word is guerre, but the source of both of these words was not a Latin term, but the Old Northern French form were, in its turn taken from the Old High German werra, meaning "discord, confusion, strife." The kindred Anglo-Saxon word was were, direct ancestor of our word war: hence the opening phrase of this article—guerrilla warfare—is etymologically a repetition. In World War II guerrilla warfare, especially in the Soviet Union, China and Yugoslavia, has taken on a new and highly important significance, as there is good evidence that the Russian organization for this type of fighting has been more highly developed than in any other war.

# Rookies Given First Taste of Army Life in Short Course at Fort Sill

FORT SILL, Okla.—What the well-behaved soldier will do and say and how he will react to numerous fundamental military situations is now part of the pre-basic training instruction and health services provided at the field artillery replacement training center of Fort Sill.

At the "Casual Battalion," where the recruits are housed until classified and assigned to specific batteries, more than 15 hours are spent in acquainting the new soldiers-to-be with Army life and what is expected of them after they get down to the business of learning to be field artillerymen. Every effort is made to have the man feel as though he is a real soldier, on serious business, as early as possible in his military career.

## Gets Him Oriented

While he is being given his first lessons in the military, he is also learning the little things that will contribute to his comfort and the human, or personal, element is by no means forgotten. Everything that would require a week's time or more for him to learn in those first busy days of training is told to him first, to help the man to become oriented.

After he is welcomed to the Fort Sill replacement center, he is told about the field artillery, its great history and its vital role in modern warfare. His clothing is checked for size and equipment is examined to make sure he has everything he needs. The new man is interviewed and assigned to the organization in which it is believed he can do the Army and himself the most good.

The new soldier is advised to care for his clothing, where to get haircuts and toilet articles, how his laundry and dry cleaning are taken care of, what duties he will be expected to perform and about the housing and eating facilities. New men are also told about the medical, dental and health services provided at the Fort Sill replacement center, including the complete clinics available to help in the prevention of venereal diseases.

## Recreation Listed

Part of the "orientation course" is devoted to telling the recruits about recreation facilities, their chaplains, post exchanges and transportation in and around Fort Sill. Information regarding mail, passes and furloughs, payday, Government insurance, Army emergency relief, war bonds and family dependency allotments are also explained in detail.

Also discussed are the safeguarding

of military information and desertion, fire hazards and opportunities for attending officer candidate schools after the 13 weeks of basic training at the Fort Sill replacement center. A question and answer period completes the more than 50 topics discussed in acquainting new men with Army duties.

A lecture on military courtesy, mo-

tion pictures produced by the War Department to give soldiers instruction through visual education and other important military training subjects are taken up to give the new men a friendly, informative introduction into Army life as they will know it at the Fort Sill replacement center during their first 13 weeks in the service.



PICTURED above, left to right, are Brig. Gen. Isaac Spalding, commanding general of the 22nd FA Brigade; Brig. Gen. John T. Kennedy, commanding general at Fort Bragg, N. C., and Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces. This conference took place at Bragg on the occasion of General McNair's visit to the post this week for the purpose of inspecting Army Ground Force units there.

## Z-X + Y=Story About Sarge Who Talks Math Sign Lingo

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—"The notation (→) is employed to denote the z-fold iteration of Boolean negation symbols before a class symbol x."

To you, that may mean nothing. To Sgt. Ira Rosenbaum, it has an exact meaning. For it's a statement in symbolic logic, and that's something the sergeant knows a lot about.

In fact, he's writing a thesis on the study to get a degree of doctor of philosophy from Harvard and a master's degree from Harvard University—perhaps to be titled "The Influence of Differential and Integral Calculus on Philosophy and Logic."

He's been working on it since before his induction in June, 1941, and even now manages to spend three or four nights a week on it in Joplin, Mo., where his wife lives. His Army job is running the 20-card

section of Central Signal Corps School, where classification data on thousands of soldiers is kept.

Symbolic logic, he says, uses mathematical symbols, rather than words, to denote philosophical concepts and is "much more precise and exact than ordinary language."

The sergeant, 26, has a bachelor's degree from Brooklyn University and a master's degree from Harvard and belongs to the Association for Symbolic Logic, Inc., and the American Mathematical Society.

## Coincidence

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill.—Two Knights were born on the same day in the same county of Tennessee. One was William M. and the other was Charles R.

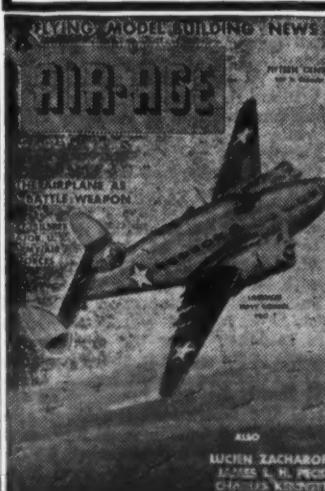
The two Knights were inducted into the Army on the same day and were shipped to the Anti-aircraft Artillery Training Center here the same day.

Enroute they discovered they'd both been born on Dec. 25, 1919, and that they even look alike. Both are of average height, weigh 136 pounds, have brown eyes and have ruddy complexions. Yet they're not related in any way.

## Gen. Frederick Smith To Retire at Camp Davis

CAMP DAVIS, N. C.—Maj. Gen. Frederic H. Smith, who has supervised training of many thousands of anti-aircraft Artillerymen now in battle all over the world, will leave here late this month for his home to await retirement after 43 years' service.

## Look Ahead America



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## Plane Trains Troops To Meet Air Attack

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala.—Something new has been added to the training program here. It's a simulated aerial attack on troop columns and it's teaching the trainees how to meet and overcome this omnipresent threat of modern warfare.

Soldiers who've seen the little red airplane in the skies over the fort, seen it go into a sudden dive and zoom toward earth, may have thought it was just a soldier-pilot stunt. Well, it wasn't.

Almost every day, now, weather conditions permitting, the tiny ship goes aloft and can be seen heading off toward the maneuver areas, searching for marching troops.

When a column is sighted the pilot, amiable and versatile Maj. Sidney Pollock, range officer, sends his craft into a nose dive and gives the trainees a dramatic, realistic taste of what it's like to have a bomb-laden, bullet-spewing plane streaking toward them.

Of course, Major Pollock doesn't have a snorting machine gun trained on them, because the fragile ship isn't built to accommodate one—but he does have and uses—simulated bombs.

They're half-pound bags of flour which he dumps out much after the manner of a big bomber dropping its stick of steel fish—and fre-

quently scores direct hits on the dispersing troops.

Major Pollock has been flying since 1939, but you're as apt to see him driving a jeep or bouncing around on a motorcycle, since he's just as much at home with those vehicles as he is in the air. Providing the trainees with some simulated aerial attack defense instruction is "extra-curricula" activity for Major Pollock, whose post of range officer keeps him occupied many nights in addition to the regular daily routine of the office.



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**RESPONDING** with a generosity unmatched by any other Army post in the country, the officers and men of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., contributed \$4,381.16 to the March O' Dimes fund to aid infantile paralysis sufferers in the annual campaign climaxed by the President's birthday. In the photo, a jeep-load of coins leaves post headquarters for the trip to St. Louis, where the money was turned over to the Infantile Paralysis Foundation. Left to right: Col. A. R. Duvall, post commander; Sgt. Wildon E. Roberts and S/Sgt. Austin Bridgman, directors of the Fort Leonard Wood dime drive; and Lt. Col. L. V. Ausman, public relations officer.

## Plane Spotting Taught in Day Room With Help of Spin-the-Disc Game

**CAMP BUTNER, N. C.**—In a day-room down in the 78th Division's 311th Infantry Regiment, they're playing a new "spin-the-disc" game that probably will one day spell trouble for the Axis.

It's an airplane-spotting game, contrived by Lt. Sol Sussman, 311th S-2. Behind a five-foot square board is a four-foot disc, around the rim of which are painted detailed pictures of war planes in flight.

### Pick a Plane

Each player selects a plane before the disc is spun and the game goes to the man whose plane appears in the slot at the top of the board as the disc stops spinning.

To date, men of Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Parker's "Lightning" Division have learned airplane identification through training films and use of

12-inch cardboard discs. Black silhouettes of various war planes and their specifications appear in a slot around the rim as a smaller disc is turned.

Both the films and the cardboard discs promote the use of the "WEFT" system of identification, through which soldiers learn to look first at a plane's wings (W), engine (E), fuselage (F), and tail (T).

Lieutenant Sussman, however, felt there should be equipment in each dayroom to encourage further study of war plane silhouettes in the soldiers' spare moments.

In booklet on "Air-Ground Training" issued by the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., the lieutenant found specifications for an enlargement of the 12-inch cardboard disc and, adding a few ideas of his own,

produced the board now being used in the dayrooms of Company H, 2nd Battalion of the 311th.

Working with Pvt. Richard I. Hawkins, Company H, Lieutenant Sussman obtained a large sheet of wall board, and eventually an affair resembling a bulletin board emerged, approximately five feet square, mounted on a standard.

Behind the board is the disc around the rim of which all the planes which appear in the standard training disc appear in complete detail.

According to Lieutenant Sussman, similar boards will eventually be placed in each dayroom throughout the regiment. In this way the men are expected to learn the identity of various war planes while having fun at the same time.

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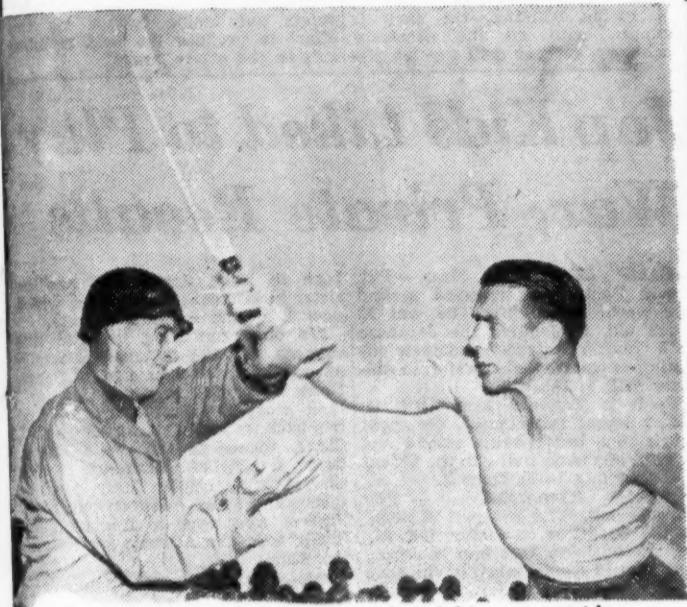
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Trainees try out their tricks in a general melee.

## How to Take a Man With a Cutter



1. As he comes in, grab his wrist, knock his arm outside.



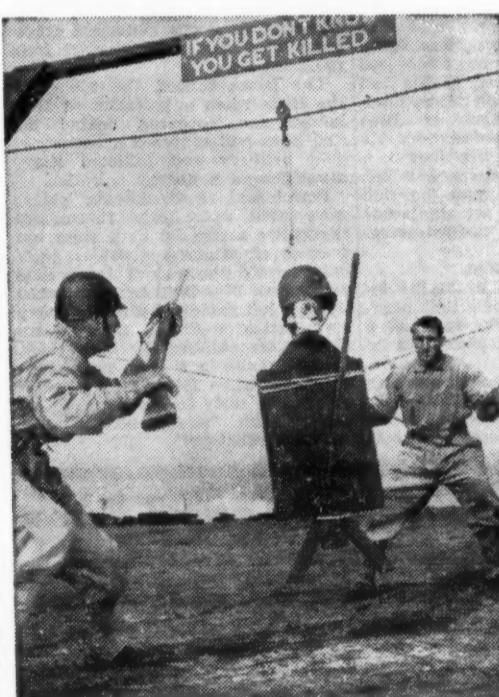
SERGEANT looks as if he "knows."



JUMP is part of toughening drill.



2. Force him off-balance, knee in chin, toe in crotch.



SEEEGER (rear) manipulates dummy.



BARBED WIRE keeps the butt down.



ROBERT W. Seeger (left) is one of the instructors. Brig. Gen. Homer Case commands the AATC. The other two men are Army Times representatives Streit and Barnes.



Opponents face each other across a trench, bayonets ready.

# Haan Teaches Judo Course

By TOM STREIT

CAMP HAAN, Calif.—The Japs may be experts at ju jitsu but here at the Anti Aircraft Training Center American soldiers are learning a new and improved judo that has been developed to take care of them in fast and deadly fashion.

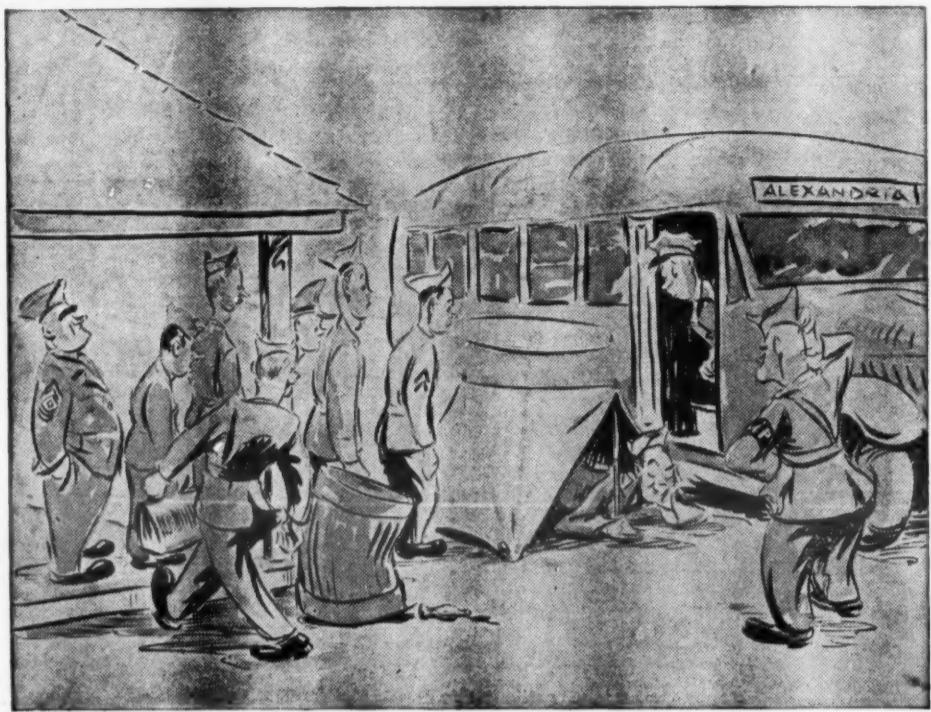
Lt. Leslie Lawrence and civilian instructor Robert W. Seeger started with judo and went on from there. They have taken judo and applied it to modern fighting. They teach the soldier how to take care of himself against bayonet, bolo, machete, knife, or whatever the enemy uses.

Seeger learned his ju jitsu while in Borneo. After the last war he began trying variations with knives, bolos, machetes and bayonets. When this war started he tried to interest the War Department in his method of bayonet fighting. The AATC Command at Camp Haan decided to

give it a try and he and Lieutenant Lawrence began working on it. They have developed a new and almost fool-proof method of teaching judo bayonet drill, with the result that a soldier trained in it makes one trained with the normal bayonet drill look like a beginner.

This new method of drill is based upon the precision, scientific balance and footwork of judo. It is precision fighting. It makes the soldier a very deadly fighting instrument. It differs from normal bayonet fighting (See HAAN, Page 10.)

## They're in the Army Now



The Guy Who Used to be First in Line to Buy Bleacher Seats for the World Series.

—Courtesy Camp Livingston (La.) Communiqué.

Different this Year

## GI Heroes Do Their Stuff In Louisiana Maneuvers

MOBILE HEADQUARTERS, THIRD ARMY, SOMEWHERE IN LOUISIANA—Conduct of the 1943 maneuvers differs markedly from that of past years. Instead of brief, two-or-three day problems, with rest periods in between, problems this year are continuous for several weeks. Emphasis is placed on the hardening of troops under field conditions more nearly approximating those of actual battle than those of previous years.

Outstanding hero of the first phase of the fighting under the direction of Maj. Gen. Dan I. Sultan, was M/Sgt. Clarence M. Taylor, of the Red forces headquarters, who twice infiltrated Blue areas and telephoned reports of enemy positions and strengths to his own lines.

### Did the Impossible

Sergeant Taylor was sent out at dawn to report on enemy operations. He carried with him a field telephone and wire to establish his communications. Reaching a small village where Blue troops were numerous, the sergeant concealed himself and his assistant in an observation tower built by the Army to observe artillery fire. At this point, he had an extra mile of wire, in order to move his observation post forward if his

haven was shelled by artillery and in order to keep up with the Red advance.

From this vantage point he telephoned back detailed reports of enemy dispositions and troop movements. Just before he began his report, an officer had informed Red headquarters that it was impossible to establish an observation post in the tower because of the presence of so many Blue troops.

The intrepid non-com was again commended when umpires discovered him, several days later, in his Red jeep well back of the Blue lines, telephoning information of Blue movements to Red headquarters. He had sneaked through the lines in single-handed reconnaissance which brought him to the rear position where he was able to see significant developments in the tactical situation.

### No Desk Man

He is a sergeant-major in the intelligence section of the Red headquarters, a job usually done at a desk—but Sergeant Taylor likes to travel.

Commendation from high-ranking officers also came to Lt. Martin E. Boyer. His Red platoon ambushed and captured a large number of offi-

cers, men and vehicles of a Blue company, then fell upon a battalion command post and virtually wiped out its personnel in a surprise blow.

Toward the end of the second week of maneuvers, excitement was caused when Lt. Charles W. Ryder Jr., son of the American general who captured Algiers in the North African landings, underwent an emergency appendectomy in the field. The operation took place at a motorized evacuation hospital a short distance from the front lines.

The Blues turned the tables on the Reds when a battalion of Blue infantrymen appeared behind the Red lines and captured a battery of field artillery and inflicted heavy casualties on a nearby battalion.

Patrol and reconnaissance planes were used extensively throughout the entire action by both sides but a clash of armored divisions came only toward the end of the second week when Blue light tanks attacked the Red left flank and ran into heavy tank destroyer action. Heavy casualties were suffered by both sides.

Eight tanks in a Blue park were destroyed when Red "thug squads" sneaked in early in the day and attacked with "sticky bombs" and "Molotov cocktails."

## AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, AGF—Inspections at Fort Bragg, N. C., and Camp Butner in Durham, N. C., marked a trip taken by Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, during the past week. The trip was of two days duration.

General McNair was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Richard C. Moore, chief of the requirements section, and Brig. Gen. John M. Lentz, assistant chief of staff, G-3.

Stressing the need for carrying out energetic training schedules despite adverse weather conditions, General McNair this week urged commanders of Army Ground Force units to take steps which will lower the incidence of common respiratory diseases. Control of heating, ventilation of barracks, places of assembly and maintenance of a high standard of mess sanitation and personal hygiene are cited by General McNair in the weekly directive as measures which will decrease the time lost by troops because of respiratory ailments.

SECOND ARMY—Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, commanding general of the Second Army, has awarded Soldiers' Medals to two members of an engineer general service regiment for "heroism and quick thinking" dis-

played when they rescued a comrade from drowning in a stream near Camp Campbell.

Recipients of the medals are 2nd Lt. Murray G. Cordin and Pvt. Cleo T. Coleman.

Fully clothed, Private Coleman jumped into the stream and dived several times before finally bringing the drowning man to the surface. He then started swimming toward the shore with the soldier.

Lieutenant Cordin, seeing that Private Coleman was becoming exhausted, jumped into the water fully clothed and assisted the private in towing the soldier to the shore. The incident occurred Dec. 28, 1942.

General Lear also awarded a Soldier's Medal to T/5 George K. Johnston, a member of a tank battalion at Fort Jackson, S. C. He was credited with preventing the loss of many gallons of gasoline and a possible fire by placing his hands over a broken gasoline outlet pipe of a 12,000-gallon gasoline storage tank. He received severe burns on his hands while stopping the flow of gasoline until containers could be obtained. The incident occurred Dec. 30, 1942.

Major Fred E. Shepard, Rutgers University wrestling coach, former New Jersey assemblyman and attorney

has been named special services officer at Second Army headquarters in Memphis, Tenn.

THIRD ARMY—While units of the Red and Blue forces of the Third Army, on maneuvers somewhere in Louisiana, had fought to a virtual stalemate during the past week, Maj. Gen. Daniel I. Sultan, maneuver director, expressed himself as pleased "with the fine physical condition of the men and the spirit and enthusiasm with which they are entering the maneuvers." General Sultan addressed senior commanders of Maj. Gen. R. B. Woodruff's Red forces and Maj. Gen. Henry Terrell's Blue forces during a brief lull in the maneuvers.

"The months which the divisions spent in their home camps were well spent," he said, "and the troops are ready for the rigorous, practical training which maneuvers will give them."

Criticizing road discipline, security and faulty communications, General Sultan stressed to the commanders the necessity for a complete understanding of maneuver problems by all ranks. He ordered that after each problem every officer and enlisted man have an opportunity to participate in a critical discussion of the problem, learning why certain things were done and how well they did them.

## Carpenter Shop Aids Training

FORT SILL, Okla.—Carpentry may seem like a quiet occupation in the midst of an all-out war, but it means mass production of training aids for the men of the Replacement Center at Fort Sill in the new carpenter shop.

The shop, dedicated to high-speed operation, has been in operation since Feb. 1 but is not as yet fully organized. In the course of its brief existence, however, 20 large tables were turned out in only one and one-half days with a working complement of only 14 enlisted men, all of whom are attached to the Replacement Center's Service Battery.

The new shop is under the direct control of Col. R. C. Snyder, Center S-4. The layout of the structure was supervised by Maj. K. R. Brown, assistant Utilities Officer, while Lt. J. F. Mayne is in command.

A roomy building, the shop is equipped with all the necessary machinery, such as drill presses, jigs-

saws, a DeWalt power saw, planer, joiner and many more tools of the trade. It is possible to produce any type of carpentry, electrical work and even plumbing within the new building. An added department of the shop is the sign-making department where indoor and outdoor signs and labels used in the Fort Sill Replacement Center are produced.

Dozens of training aids are constructed daily, and with a multi-purpose. All batteries in the Replacement Center use such equipment for instruction purposes and these aids are made identically so as to provide consistency. In this fashion, the individual batteries obtain aids of superior workmanship and are relieved of responsibility for construction and the accompanying loss of time and manpower.

"Keynote of the shop's work," points out Major Brown, "is the effort to produce the best training aids in the entire Army."

## Jap Kids Liked to Play War, Private Recalls

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Pvt. David Poole, who traveled around the world twice before he was 12 years old, remembers the Japanese as a "mysterious race" and their offspring as children who preferred military drill to baseball.

Poole is stationed here with the Third Signal Detachment. He spent much time between his second and twelfth birthdays living in the Orient and traveling to or from it.

### 'Commuting'

Poole says, "The best part of living in the Orient is commuting. My father's business kept him in Japan, and later in China, much of the time when I was a youngster. My mother was born in Japan of American parents and I was the only one of four children who was born in the United States, a brother and sister being

born in Kobe, Japan, and another sister in Mukden, Manchukuo, which now is a Japanese puppet state.

"In our commuting between this country and the Orient our family never traveled the same route. Sometimes we would cross the U. S. and then cross the Pacific and on the trip back we would start at Shanghai, China, thence to India and Egypt, board a ship at Alexandria which carried us to Naples, Italy, journey through Italy, Switzerland and France, cross over to England, and finally take the Atlantic sealanes to the States.

"Many of my childhood memories are vague, but many of the scenes and events are unforgettable. At one time I could express myself fairly well in Japanese language. I remember liking the sound of it. It has a musical quality and if spoken well, a pleasant and rythmical sonance.

**Went to American Schools**

"I attended American schools in Shanghai and Yokohama and also the International School. They were taught mostly by Americans and Canadians and were quite like grade schools in this country. Although the sections of the cities in which we lived were separated into foreign settlements we came into contact with the Japanese children and even then the military attitude was being instilled in them. They would play soldier with more relish than we would play baseball. Their sham battles were carried on in dead earnest and almost to a point of viciousness.

"There was always an air of mystery and secrecy about the Japanese, especially about their navy. We had a house which was situated on a hill across the bay from a naval station and yet were not able to observe the activity because their operations always were shrouded in secrecy."

## Not a Wolf After All

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—It was a packed house at one of the Stewart movies. The picture was "Casablanca."

The scene was a night club and a svelte singer flashed on the screen. Again the long, low howl. Again laughter. This time, however, alert movie attendants were seen hauling a nondescript mongrel dog out of the theatre.

"He wasn't wearing a uniform," said one soldier, "but he certainly had a soldier's sentiments."

## Indian Wants Army To Run Affairs

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Accusing the Government of mismanaging Indian affairs, Henry Chee Dodge, hereditary tribal chief of the Navajos, urges that the problems of his people be removed from civilian bureaus and given to the Army, "where they will be understood."

The 83-year-old chief, one of the first Indians to learn English, asserted that bureaucratic agents who regulate life on the reservations have scant interest in his people's welfare and are "interested only in checks with the right numbers on them."

On the four occasions the Army was sent to adjust Navajo problems, he asserted, they showed deep understanding.

Chee Dodge emphasized that he did not mean troops, in referring to the Army, "just officers who know how to handle our problems."

## Soldiers Win Stamps For Lyrics to March

CAMP KOHLER, Calif.—Pfc. James O. Parker of Headquarters Company and Pvt. Mickey Fodor of Co. D, 5th Battalion, won \$10 in War Stamps each for writing the winning new lyrics for the "51st Signal Battalion March." The contest was conducted by Capt. Raymond Ratty, special service officer of the Western Signal Corps Replacement Training Center.

## Croft Capers



ON THIS SNOW-COVERED POST, somewhere in Alaska, dogteams perform tasks in country impassable by other forms of locomotion. Shown here are three of the dogteams with their drivers about to start on a trip carrying food to snowbound Infantry units. The teams are maintained by the Quartermaster Corps.

## Fort Sillables

By Sgt. JOHN GRUENBERG

FORT SILL, Okla.—Income tax headaches will be at a minimum for soldiers taking their basic training at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center of Fort Sill—an Income Tax Office has been established here for the men's convenience.

Lt. Eric H. Paige, former New York City tax accountant, is in charge of the office, along with a representative of the Collector of Internal Revenue at Oklahoma City. Men can pay taxes right here on the Post. The office is open daily and will also be open three nights each week until March 15.

### OUNCE OF PREVENTION

In order to safeguard military information, all cameras and photographic equipment in the possession of Replacement Center personnel will be registered before March 1. A special office has been set up for the registration of such equipment and permission to use cameras for one year is granted with registration and approval.

### CRYSTAL BALL

When Cpl. Rex Peters, Replacement Center soldier who hails from DeWitt, Iowa, went home on furlough, he was greeted with this far-sighted Easter breakfast menu:

Fried horse meat, dried eggs (diverted from lend-lease), coffee (bring your own), sugar (bring your own), and butter (bring your own).

After breakfast, the menu calls for the gathering to unite in singing the popular, "We Got Plenty of Nothing."

### Postage Sales Up Despite Free Mail

FORT KNOX, Ky.—The sale of postage stamps has increased here since the beginning of free mailing service for soldiers!

Capt. C. M. Christie, postal officer for the Armored Force with offices in headquarters, says that soldiers' free mail is heavier than ever before and contributes the big sale of stamps to the increase in the number of civilian employees now living on the post and the greater number of dollars in the tankmen's pay envelope.

The civilian workers are largely specialists and are releasing trained soldiers for combat with active armored divisions throughout the country.

A greater demand for postage stamps is also expected with the steady arrival of WAACS. Free mail for the women's branch of the land army has recently been rescinded.

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## Camp 'Thank You' Girls Must Always Have a Line

By Pvt. James Brugger

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—A phone rings and somebody answers. Or some one picks up the receiver and asks for a number. A telephone conversation goes on.

It happens between 15 and 20 thousand times a day at Camp Grant, as the involved business of running an Army post goes endlessly on.

Charged with keeping these thousands of phone calls moving in order are the 14 girls whom this story concerns—the Camp switchboard operators who say "Thank you" quicker than the ordinary person can say "Jack Robinson."

### Handle 300 Per Hour

Seated on their stools at the Signal Office switchboard, the telephone girls watch for lights, pull cords, push keys, look up numbers, soothe irate customers and keep up a constant flow of honeyed "Thank you's." During the busy hours of the day an operator handles between 250 and 300 calls an hour.

Despite the strain, they keep relatively free from "nerves" and seldom lose their tempers. At least, they seldom let the telephone user know it if they do. Courtesy is the first commandment of the efficient telephone operator while she is "on the board."

Many are the headaches that might tempt the switchboard girl to indulge in a tantrum. Especially at an Army post. Every now and then, according to the girls, some one is certain to ask for such and such a "battle lion" or a soldier who is in this or that "pontoon."

### KP Pro

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Twenty-five-year-old Pvt. R. H. Compt, 111th Medical Battalion, owner of some 10,000 acres of land and 3,000 head of "White-Face" cattle near Breckenridge, Tex., has been serving on KP for the last six months. Compt explains that he prefers the job.

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The Grant operators, all of whom had telephone experience before coming here, are thoroughly familiar with Army terminology and organization. Most of them know by heart the numbers of virtually all the camp extensions, numbering nearly 400.

### Queries Confusing

Strange requests come to the switchboard, and the girls are sometimes required to use great ingenuity to fill them. For instance, there was the girl who had seen a show presented by a number of Camp Grant soldiers. She called the camp and asked the operator to get "that tall, good-looking soldier who was in the show the other night."

When the operator reminded her that there are many tall, good-looking soldiers at Camp Grant, the girl protested that this particular one was "the tallest and best-looking of them all."

"We had to let it go at that," sighed the operator. "Another one almost as bad was the girl who called and simply asked for Joe. She said she had met him downtown the night before and couldn't understand why we couldn't locate him."

Most annoying to telephone operators, according to themselves, are

people who slam the receiver down when they are told the line they want is busy. "It hurts our ears," they complained. Telephone operators, who work in two four-hour spells, with a 15-minute rest period breaking each spell, "change ears" every two hours, shifting the earpiece from one side of the head to the other.

### War Brings Change

Besides making all of them work twice as hard as ever, the war has had another effect on telephone operators. Before Pearl Harbor, when spelling out a word, they always said "v as in Victor." Now they say "v as in Victory."

The first thing a new operator learns is "how to count." She finds out that the telephone operator's digits run like this: "Wun, too, th-ree, fo-wer, fi-iv, six, sev-ven, ate, ni-yen." If you don't believe it, listen closely the next time you hear one of them repeat a number.

After listing some of the things that make an operator's life miserable, the Camp Grant switchboard girls agreed that telephone users on this post are the "best we've ever held a line for." They said most of their customers are considerate in using the service.

## Hulen Highlights

By PFC. RAY FULLER

CAMP HULEN, Tex.—Fifty Navajo Indian braves arrived recently with their chief, Pvt. Raymond Yellowhorse, who is their only interpreter. The chief has some 5000 braves still left at the Gallup, N. Mex., reservation, too. What we can't figure out is what will Private Yellowhorse do if one of his braves becomes a sergeant before he does?

Amid a crowded President's Birthday service club dance wisecracking, glib-tongued Pvt. "Brooklyn" Vaughan of the town of that name corralled two little Texas girls. Cool cokes was his lure and he proudly boasted to them that he knew the "Dodgers" well enough to say hello to him... Nothing gets by a sentry. In one large training area a guard halted a shadowy figure who, in turn, challenged the guard. The rival sentries, suspicious as all get-out when they spied guns in the other's hands, glared fiercely at each other and simultaneously called their respective corporals of the guard, who finally decided to call it a draw... Blanche Jones, dramatic actress who hails from Los Angeles (hard "g"), Calif., has taken over as recreation director at the local USO. Maj. John E. Blaine, camp provost marshal, has instituted a new idea of having all his MP's go through the American Red Cross standard first aid course. The idea is to have them so trained they can save lives in an emergency, apply tourniquets, know pressure points, etc. Sort of to let them know what to do with the guys they knock down—get it?

Chief Hostess Dorothy Blanton held a baby contest at the Service Club recently. The three judges were young, unmarried soldiers and tactful as they tried to be, they found themselves in a difficult spot, finally choosing three winners from the 11 diaper contestants.

A beauty contest run by the post laundry with its 140 civilian girl-workers (wives and sweethearts of soldiers on the post) as judges found the three prize-winners coming from Texas—and most of the contestants were from Michigan, Iowa, Arkansas and Ohio. Incidentally the girls at the laundry have their own "ten-minute break" system. Every day at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. a tinkling bell chimes and they stop for a break, gurgling cokes or powdering their noses.

The all-Camp Hulen basketball team has finally been organized and this month marks "the beginning of the end" for all other Texas college and service team fives. S/Sgt. Walter Sanders of Btry. A, 630th Bn. is as red as the piping on his overseas cap. Having been in two mine cave-ins in Pennsylvania, suffering broken legs and ribs without so much as flinching once, he sustained a slight cut on his finger during recent maneuvers—and promptly fainted away in front of all his men.

Headquarters Detachment men have been issued special guns and are undergoing specialized training as "camp guards." They call themselves the "Junior Commandos."

## 'Victory Singers' to Debut

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—The Victory Singers, a soldier chorus of the "Victory Division," has been rehearsing for its first appearance before the division Feb. 21, under the direction of Sgt. Richard V. Mattson and the sponsorship of Maj. Harold A. Schulz, Division Chaplain.

The chorus will sing at a special division-wide service in the Camp Cooke Arena Feb. 21.

Its director, Sergeant Mattson, has spent several weeks selecting the best voices of the "Victory Division" for the chorus. An assistant in the Division Chaplain's office, Sergeant

Mattson himself has an excellent baritone voice which began attracting attention when he won several prizes in high school. That was in his home town, Mentor, Kans., where he later directed the Baptist Church choir.

### Did Church Singing

He also did much church singing in Kansas City while attending the Conservatory of Music there. At Salina, Kans., he majored in music at Kansas Wesleyan University.

There he sang with the Male Quartet, soloed with the University Philharmonic Choir, and sang over local

radio stations.

Sergeant Mattson had planned to go East to study for light opera, oratorio, and radio singing. The war interrupted his plans, but not his interest in singing.

Another of the Victory Singers with wide experience is T/5 Merion Johnson, of "Super Service Co." who graduated from State Teachers College in his home town of Mankato, Minn., and continued musical studies at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis College of Music, McPhail School of Music, and Kansas City University. Notification that the last-named school had awarded him a master's degree reached him while he was doing KP duty in the Army.

### Had Light Opera Experience

T/5 Johnson had considerable experience in light opera and radio singing and had taught music in public schools in Minnesota and Missouri.

Other members of the Victory Singers are: Sgt. Joe Finney, Pvt. Wayne George, Cpl. Byron Banta, Cpl. Albert Ermels, T/4 Gustav W. Noren, Pvt. Harry Breen, Cpl. Harold Kellan, Sgt. Earl Ditters, all of "Strong Arms"; Staff Sgt. Olen Steinwedel, of "Squirrels"; T/4 Ellis Koepke of "Snoopermen"; Sgt. Marvin Olson of "Rhinos"; Sgt. Robert M. Butler, pianist, Pvt. Irvin Heglin of "Super Service Co."

## Army Puts Slot Machines to Work

Under Capt. Donald B. Livingston, Instructors assigned to the "Elements of Radio" section of the Radio Division of the School, have dismantled this equipment, netted in a high powered drive by local authorities, and have salvaged vital units no longer commercially available.

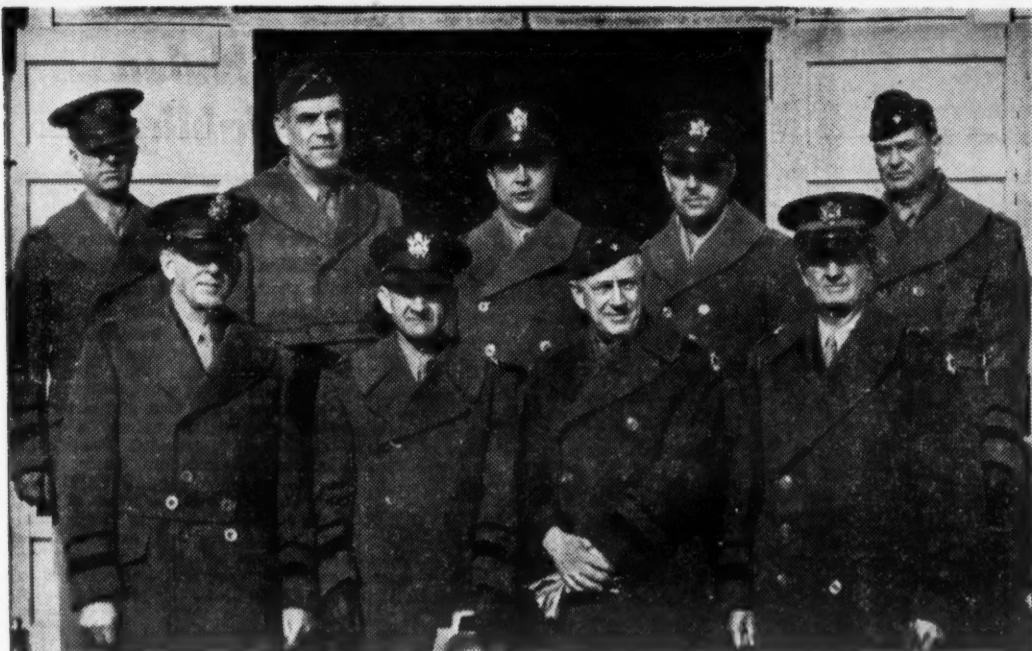
Deglamorized by stripping away its gaudy exterior, each machine is found to constitute a veritable gold mine of adaptable material.

Existing shortages among certain metals, and the general scarcity of finished parts comprise a handicap which up to now has limited the

construction of laboratory demonstration facilities. In addition, supplies essential to this purpose are now urgently required by manufacturers producing frontline equipment.

BECAUSE an enemy plane is in their sights for so short a time, aerial gunners seldom fire bursts of more than five or six shots each.

A REALISTIC Fort Worth, Tex., woman mailed a blackjack, a hunting knife and a pair of brass knuckles to her son overseas.



TEN brigadier generals, 28 colonels and 20 other officers from SOS headquarters conferred last week at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., on problems arising from the streamlined training program. Among those who saw 'Ordnance Joe' (in basic training at the Ordnance Replacement Training Center) perform during the 3-day conference were these officers. All brigadier generals representing various departments in the Services of Supply, they are, left to right, front row—C. R. Heubner, who opened and directed the conference; A. H. Waitt, H. R. Kutz, and C. L. Sturdevant. Back row, F. C. Meade, Julian S. Hatcher, W. L. Weible, R. B. Lovett and H. C. Holdridge.

## Gremlins Are Angels L'il Foxes Plague Infantrymen

CAMP WOLTERS, Tex.—The Air Force has its Gremlins, and now the Infantry has its L'il Foxes!

Thanks to the Camp Wolters Longhorn, newspaper of this Infantry replacement training center, the L'il Foxes—Foxianus Americanus Minutus in the language of science—at last have been exposed as the scourge of the Infantry.

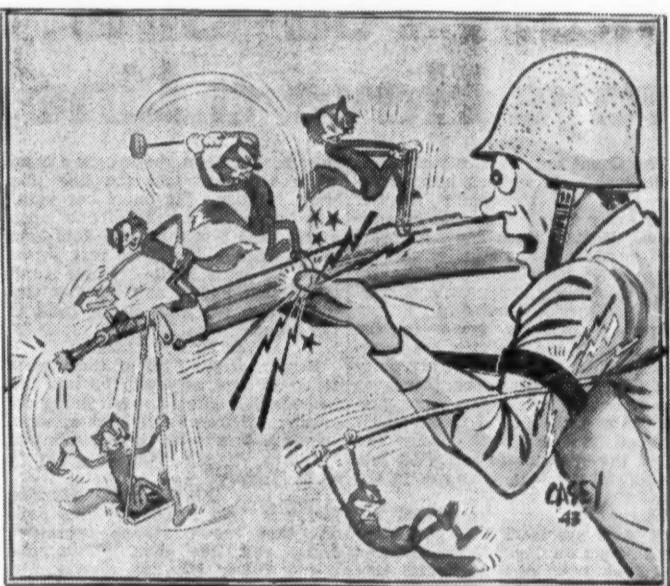
They live, naturally enough, in foxholes, plague the muleteering Infantryman in all his work. They are devilish little creatures. Wily and cunning, and they grow and prosper only where Infantry soldiers are stationed.

Unmasked in the February 4 issue of the Camp Wolters Longhorn, the L'il Foxes are depicted by T/5 Clarence H. ("Casey") Koester, the Longhorn's staff artist, as they bedevil and befriend a bewildered rifleman, "Pvt. K. P. Always."

In Corporal Koester's sketch, one of the mischievous tribe is shown gleefully plugging up the barrel of Pvt. K. P.'s rifle while others buff the blackening off his sight, bang away at K. P.'s thumb to make him grip the rifle when he shouldn't, upset his sight-setting by swinging on the sight leaf, and loosen his sling with a big stick.

The L'il Foxes are to be found in many other devilish undertakings as well. Often they'll be detected plugging up rifle bores, rubbing sandpaper across freshly shined shoes, turning up fires under cooking chow so as to scorch it, hanging on to the feet of marching Muleteers, and tying lead onto full field packs to make them heavier.

Corporal Koester and the "Scienterrific Research Bureau" of the Camp Wolters Longhorn have seen to it, however, that the Foxes no longer will escape unnoticed. They



—Drawing by T/5 Clarence Koester

have evaded the glare of publicity for the last time and now, in a series of drawing and feature stories to appear regularly in the Camp Wolters Longhorn, will be shown for what they are—a malicious, out-for-no-good, constant source of annoyance to Uncle Sam's fighting Infantryman.

In its initial expose, the Camp Wolters Longhorn, publishing the findings of its Scienterrific Research Bureau, issues a warning to all sol-

diers as to the nature of the dirty work of which these parasitical phenomena are capable.

"Like all parasites," intones the Camp Wolters Longhorn, "their presence results in a very serious disease, which in this case is known as 'Malady Yardbirditis'. Individuals suffering from this disease are commonly classified as 'Yardbirds'."

"Our word of caution to you: Don't suffer from 'Malady Yardbirditis'! BEWARE OF THE LIL FOXES!"

## Haan Teaches Improved Judo

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in that at all times the soldier is in a position to handle any attack that can be made on him. Variations of the bayonet drill teach him how to protect himself against any of the weapons he may run up against. And it teaches them how to protect themselves even if they are bare-handed.

### Train Instructors

After spending considerable time working out all the bugs Lieutenant Lawrence and Mr. Seeger started the training program with one officer and from two to four enlisted men from each unit of the Anti-Aircraft Training Center. These men were first given a course of exercises designed to loosen them up and to teach them footwork. From there they were taught the elementary holds, where the most effective blows should be delivered. From there they went into knife work.

Here they learned how to disarm the enemy no matter what weapon he used. And when they disarmed a man he was also either dead or not interested in any further action. This improved Judo they teach is a quick, easy scientific method of committing mayhem. It is so simple to teach it is almost foolproof.

The next step is bayonet training.

Here a new bayonet "dummy" has been invented. It is manually controlled. When the soldier has learned to properly attack it he is ready for anything that he may ever run up against for if he doesn't make the correct parries, and use the proper footwork the dummy gets him. This dummy is well equipped to defend himself. The soldier has to be good to lick the dummy. The dummy definitely fights back, as a good many soldiers have learned to their sorrow.

### Use Simple Method

When these first students from each unit have completed the course they know how to disarm an enemy with a single quick movement.

According to Lieutenant Lawrence, this method of Judo can be effectively taught in 20 hours of training. The course is enthusiastically received by the men. In fact, they are so enthusiastic that they have to be cautioned to avoid injuries.

When this class was first started rifles were used in the training but after 20 or 30 had been badly damaged a dummy rifle was developed for training purposes. This rifle made from pipe and lumber costs approximately 53 cents.

Lieutenant Lawrence and Mr. Seeger have trained two other of-

ficers to act as assistants. With these officers, Lts. Dennis Cavanaugh and Richard Bate, they are training more than a battery of men to be qualified to act in their turn as teacher in their respective units.

This new bayonet drill is as superior to the old as the P-38 is to the old "Hisso." At first, the men are a little apprehensive, but it isn't long until they become sure of themselves and are ready to take on their weight in wildcats. A soldier trained in the old bayonet drill would have no chance with them.

## Let's Blow, Joe

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—An exasperated non-com was vociferously bawling out a group of soldiers who had won his displeasure.

Loud and long and healthily he lectured them on the necessity to toughen up, to be men, to be soldiers, to get hard. He ended the peroration with the scathing denunciation that they were a "bunch of sissies." The formation was dismissed.

"Okay, fellows, let's go to the powder room!" quoth one die-hard.

## Soldiers May Have Schooling Tested

### Exams Showing Improvement in Army Will Help Men Later

The War and Navy Departments announced this week that they are preparing tests to assess the educational growth of military and naval personnel during the period of service in the armed forces. Results will be certified upon request to schools and colleges for their evaluation of the educational achievement represented by the test scores.

Proposed by the United States Armed Forces Institute Advisory Committee and endorsed by the American Council on Education, the plan has been approved by numbers of regional and national accrediting associations. It is expected that this testing program will help the servicemen, upon return to civil life, to obtain academic credit for educational growth in service. This applies also to the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, the Women's Reserve Units of the United States Naval Reserve, the United States Coast Guard Reserve, and the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

The tests to measure this edu-

tional growth will be administered upon request and the results placed on record. The tests for use at the high school level will consist of comprehensive objective examinations in each of five major fields of educational development: correctness and effectiveness of expression, ability to interpret reading materials in the social studies, or in the natural sciences, or in literature, and general mathematical ability.

A similar but more difficult range of tests will be provided for the college level. Standards for the tests will be established by their try-out with groups of high school seniors and college freshmen. Separate standards will be fixed for schools in different geographical regions and for schools of different types and sizes.

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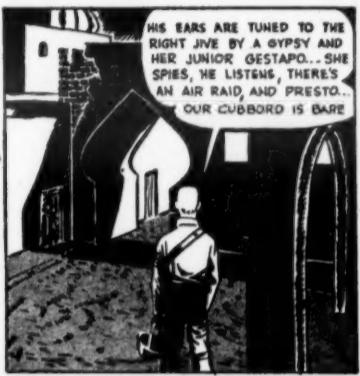
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## The Army Quiz

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1. Directly responsible under the Secretary of War for the procurement of munitions for the Army is: A. The Undersecretary of War. B. The Assistant Secretary of War. C. Commanding General, Services of Supply.

2. The militia is— A. All male citizens. B. All able-bodied male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45. C. The National Guard.

3. By Army regulations every infantry office must own a watch, seven jewel or better. True False

4. What's wrong with this story? A Nazi submarine was captured in the Gulf of Mexico last week when the U. S. Navy intercepted the following German-language radio message:

"SOS (dot dot dot, dash dash dash, dot dot dot). We are trapped on the ocean floor, 30 feet down. Our batteries are exhausted. Please send help."

A. The Germans have abandoned International Morse Code and no longer use SOS as the distress call. B. SOS is not three dots, three dashes and three dots, but rather three dashes, three dots and three dashes.

C. A submarine cannot send or receive radio messages when 30 feet under water.

What percentage of all the houses in Great Britain have been destroyed by German air bombardment? 2 5 7 10 20

6. Neither a soldier nor his wife must pay income tax on that part of his salary he allot to her. True False

7. According to a recent estimate by an intelligence section of a United Nations general staff in London,

## The Army Press

Newest overseas paper to reach this desk is News Bulletin, a handsome little four-page sheet carrying no dateline but which we deduce is published in Australia. In it, Pfc. Jim Levy undertakes to write a digest of digests for soldiers too busy to read the current news. Goes like this:

TIME MAGAZINE: "Last week, as backwards reeled the ear-frozen German Army, said rat-faced, mustached Adolf Hitler: 'We will never retreat. We will never lose the

more than ..... German soldiers have been killed, captured or permanently crippled so far in this war."

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5. The U. S. has had six war presidents. Name five.

9. Like many leaders in this war, Napoleon was a general who refused to remain miles behind the battle lines. Proof of this is to be found in the fact that he had ..... horses shot out from under him.

8 5 19

10. Tanks are so named because—

A. In World War I when the British introduced them, even the workmen who built them didn't know what they were working on. They thought the machines were to be used in the desert for carrying water and they called them "tanks" for brevity.

B. The word "tank" is a corruption of the French "tanque." When the French first saw German tanks on the Western Front they called them "tanques" or "monsters."

C. Until the American Army landed in France "tanks" were known as "armored machines" by the British. But when the first three of the new war inventions were turned over to the AEF, a first lieutenant from Brooklyn was on hand to receive them from the British. After the Britisher had made a lengthy speech, the Yank just turned toward the machines and with a sweep of his hand remarked simply, "Tanks." The story spread all over France and the name stuck.

(Answers on Page 16.)

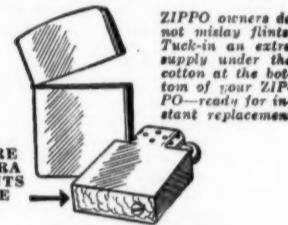
By Sgt. A. J. Abruzzo,  
Armored Force, Fort Knox, Ky.

## Tops Father

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Pfc. James Swain, 21, is higher than his father, Pfc. James O. Swain, 48, you might say.

The son sleeps in the upper section and the father in the lower section of the same double-deck bed in Company D of the 804th Signal Training Regiment here.

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# United Nations Olympics Seen

LONDON—A United Nations Olympic Games, in which the contestants will be fighting men of all countries now engaged in the war with the Axis from this sector of the world front is being planned for the spring and summer, it was learned this week.

The project is strictly contingent on Allied military needs which, conceivably, may have it impossible or cut down its scope. But, as the matter stands at present, preliminary meetings have been held, others will be held and at least one sponsor expressed confidence that the competition would take place.

#### Games Spread Out

For obvious reasons, no attempt will be made to have all the events at the same time or the same place. The idea is to spread the games, meets and matches over several weeks in many parts of the British Isles.

The sports tentatively listed are boxing, swimming, basketball, baseball, softball, wrestling, volleyball, marksmanship and soccer. The last-named, which the British call football, has already been organized on an interallied basis and play for a special cup will begin next month. The Yanks, who, frankly, are given little chance to win against the more experienced Europeans, have drawn a bye in the first round and will meet the winner of the British-Polish game late in March.

The problem of equipment and facilities will probably make impossible any major competition in track and field events.

#### Little Nations Like Idea

But conversations with members of the British Olympic Association will continue and, although the largest entries naturally will come from the British Dominion and United States forces, the smaller nations are understood to be solidly behind the proposal.

There have been isolated inter-allied events so far, notably boxing and swimming, but those in charge of the Americans' physical training program have naturally preferred to concentrate on "intramural" sports so as to send only seasoned contestants against the Allies.

It is naturally believed that men in the camps will train harder and participate on a wider scale if they can look forward to international finals. One factor unquestionably limiting possible American successes is the restriction of competition to enlisted men. There are highly skilled college athletes with the American forces here, but they are mostly commissioned officers.

## Winter Sports At Stewart

STEWART FIELD, N. Y.—Soldiers here are enjoying their favorite winter sports of ice skating, hockey, skiing, and bob sledding. Through the efforts of the Special Service section an ice skating rink 100 x 250 feet with a 10-inch wooden wall surrounding, was built next to the motor transportation parking area. Two hockey goal cages were secured and a workmen's shack (15 x 20) complete with several benches and a pot stove for heating was borrowed. An ice hockey league will be formed with a team representing each squadron.

At night the lights from eight 35-foot poles which light up the transportation area also illuminate the ice skating rink.

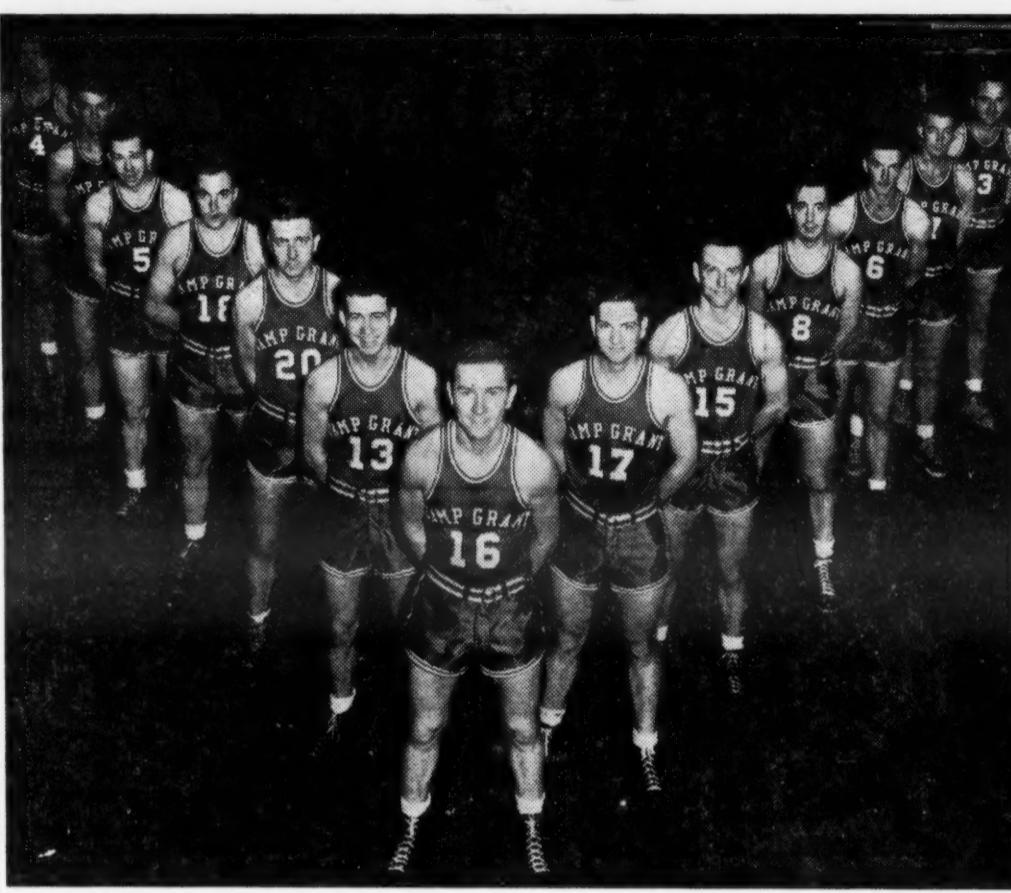
The Special Service office has secured ice skates, hockey sticks, pucks, skis, and bob sleds, and has made them available to the men on their free time. Construction of a bob sled and ski run is being considered.

## Steak at Stake In Cage Game

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—There's a stake at stake when the "Victory Division" basketball team takes on its final opponent from the Los Angeles Metropolitan AAU League Feb. 27 at the Camp Cooke Sports Arena. Dudley Ehumway, AAU League president, has promised the Victory-men a steak dinner if they beat the league-leading Trojan Jayvees on that date.

Since the Jayvee team is ranked close to the University of Southern California varsity in West Coast basketball, the "Victory Division's" prospects are not too bright. In their first five encounters with AAU teams the soldiers defeated only one, the Mexican All-Stars, but their quintet is better than the record indicates. Three of the teams beat them by margins of only two or three points.

ARMY IS substituting cotton-filled comforters for woolen blankets where ever possible.



THE POSE is kinda corny but the team has what it takes. These are the Camp Grant, Ill., Warriors, which the experts say are the best Army cagers in the country. Out of more than 25 games they have lost only one. Their string of consecutive wins is up over 22. They are left to right: Ernest Herbrechtsmeier, Tony Zawlocki, George Hesik, Harley Graf, Stan Szukala, Ed Kotlarczyk, Mickey Rottner (at the point of the V), Clarence Skrodzki, Andy Skurski, George Hogan, Don Blanken, Ray Adams and Joe Frivalsky.

Signal Corps Photo.

## Fistic Champs at Riley

CRTC, FORT RILEY, Kans.—Before 10,000 fight fans, the largest crowd to witness the finals of the eight-year-old Golden Gloves Tournament in Kansas City, Mo., Pfc. Tony Ancona and Pvt. Willie Applegate, both of the CRTC, slugged their way to championship crowns after overcoming stiff competition through the preliminaries.

Ancona, a fast-hitting, sure-footed boxer from the replacement center, met Adam Shank, the Fort Leonard Wood hopeful, in a flashy exhibition of fistic power that proved to be the outstanding bout of the evening. Kansas City sportswriters called Ancona "the outstanding glove swinger of the weight classes, who gave one of the best exhibitions of scientific boxing and hard punching seen here in several years." He knocked out Adam Shank early in the second round of their fight by throwing a hard left to the jaw. It took Ancona 1 minute and 8 seconds to finish off his opponent.

In the semi-finals, he outpointed Bob Hileman, of Maryville Teachers College, with ease. He will be a strong contender for the national welterweight title in the Chicago meeting, which starts Monday. While on the Detroit Golden Gloves team, he copped the featherweight crown, and later went on to grab the lightweight championship.

Willis Applegate, dusky 175-pounder from the Eighth Squadron, CRTC, disposed of Andy Kasubinski, Fort Leonard Wood, in the semi-finals before tackling Joe Ciryak, A. Y. C. After a fairly even first round, Ciryak caught a hard right from Applegate which sent him reeling to the canvas. The fight lasted only 54 seconds, and Applegate was crowned the light heavyweight champ of the tourney.

Both Ancona and Applegate will represent the CRTC in the National Gloves tournament to be held in Chicago, Feb. 22, 23 and 24. They will travel with the eight-man champion-

ship team from the Kansas City tourney to enter the national classic. The semi-finals and finals will be held March 5 at the Stadium in Chicago.

In the semi's at Kansas City Saturday night, Jose Martinez, 7th Cavalry, Fort Riley, outpointed Isadore Sooroka, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in the 126-pound class. Hy Bronstein, Rosecrans Air Field, won from Larry Acquastanna, MPRTC, by a decision.

Martinez met Ruppert Brashears, Gateway A. C., in the finals of the 126-pound class, but the fast fistwork of Brashears was too much for the cavalryman, who lost by a decision.

Replacement center boxers went to the tourney under the tutelage of Sgt. Joe Louis, Lt. Louis O'Jibway, and Pfc. Sid Marks.

Other winners:

112-pound class—Major Jones, Gateway Athletic Club.

118-pound class—Johnny Poo, St. Joseph.

135-pound class—Levi Southall, Gateway Athletic Club.

160-pound class—Hy Bronstein, Rosecrans Air Field.

Heavyweight class—George Sikes, Fort Leonard Wood.

CRTC took top honors in the service team entries by coming through with two champions, while Fort Leonard Wood and Rosecrans Air Field each had a winner.

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## Barkeley Scappers Win Six 'Glove' Titles

By Sgt. Brendan J. Connelly

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—With MRTC boxers taking six championships out of seven, one of the most dynamic and bitterly contested Abilene, Texas, Golden Gloves tourneys came to a conclusion before a capacity crowd of 3000 in the Abilene High gym.

Emerging as the best all-around scrapper of the tournament was Pvt. Simon Luna, 52nd Med. Tng. Bn., middleweight. Luna, 1942 Texas Athletic Association middleweight title holder, and a 24-year-old veteran Golden Glover, scored a grand-slam when he felled Cpl. Louis Lemus, 60th Med. Tng. Bn. boxer, with a terrific right uppercut. It was his third straight one-round kayo in the tournament.

Luna and his fellow champions qualified for the State Finals at Fort Worth, Tex. Here are the Abilene champions—all soldiers:

Bantamweight—Pvt. Joseph Thomas, 119, 60th Med. Tng. Bn.

Featherweight—Pvt. Jesse Martinez, 121, 53rd Med. Tng. Bn.

Lightweight—Pvt. Daniel Lopez, 135, 52nd Med. Tng. Bn.

Welterweight—Pvt. John Kaczynski, 147, 55th Med. Tng. Bn.

Middleweight—Pvt. Simon Luna, 160, 52nd Med. Tng. Bn.

Light-heavyweight—Pvt. Fred Fox, 170, 55th Med. Tng. Bn.

Heavyweight—Pvt. William Dilworth, 177, 358th Inf. 90th Div.

Surprise of the tournament and the fighter who practically rocked the packed gym the second night was the 358th Infantry's Private Dilworth, only entry from Camp Barkeley's 90th Div. Dilworth, who claims he never fought before, beat the "Pride of Abilene," Hardin-Simmons' University's Camp Wilson, to the

mat with a left hand that has seldom, if ever, been equaled in this section. Wilson, star fullback at Hardin-Simmons and the defending champ, had become the favorite after putting away MRTC's blond bomber, 215-pound Cpl. James Scott of the 55th Med. Tng. Bn. Dilworth went on to outpoint Pvt. William Spradling of the 31st Medical Regiment, Camp Grant, in the finals.

## 10 Consecutive Strikes But in Two Games

MARIANNA ARMY AIR FIELD, Fla.—Ten strikes in a row, featured a week of bowling of the enlisted men's league of the Marianna Army Air Base, when more than one record went out the window, in the Enlisted Men's tournament.

Pvt. Charles Long of the 69th, rolled the 10 strikes in a row, the only trouble being that he didn't start until the fourth box of one game and ended in the third box of the following game, thus robbing himself of a rare feat.

## Boxing Pros Seek Equipment for Army

NEW YORK—Heads of boxing commissions all over the country have begun formation of a committee to help fill a "severe" need for boxing equipment among servicemen in camps and stations.

It is planned to raise funds from various boxing shows. Mike Jacobs originated the idea and said he "would start the ball rolling" by giving part of the "gate" of a fight in the Garden in the next few weeks.

Like many others, Jacobs has been sending equipment to camps and stations for months.



FORT RILEY, Kans.—Claimants of the 1942 Service champions of the United States, the Cavalry Replacement Training Center "Centaur" at Fort Riley, are all set for another season of baseball. They are ready to defend their championship with a team built around six veterans. Outstanding newcomer on the team is Pete Reiser, former Brooklyn Dodger star outfielder. Reiser will play third base. Workouts begin March and practice games start with a three-game exhibit series with the Kansas City Blues in April.

MAJORS FIELD, Tex.—Victors of six consecutive basketball games, the Majors Field All-Stars boast a rather one-sided decision over Jones Field, Bonham, Texas. Final score of that game was 52-3.

FORT MEADE, Md.—One of the nation's longest basketball winning streaks among college teams came to an end recently when the 13th Special Service unit of Fort Meade defeated Millersville State Teachers College of Pennsylvania, 44-38. Within less than four minutes to go, Millersville led, 38-36, but Fort Meade scored eight quick points to tie Millersville's record of 36 consecutive victories.

FORT WAYNE, Ind.—The Medical Detachment Bowling squad at Fort Wayne has an average of 51 in 33 games bowled so far. Lowest average is 161 and highest is 184. The rest of the members of the team all have averages in 170's.

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—Much has been said about men scoring baskets for opposing teams but Pvt. Robert L. Blackwood of Barracks 117, 3700 Tech Sch. Sq. at Scott Field is probably one of the few to have given away the game by this method. With his team leading 24-23 and four seconds remaining to play, Blackwood scored an beautiful long shot—in his own goal, thus giving the opposing 122 Barracks a 25-24 triumph.

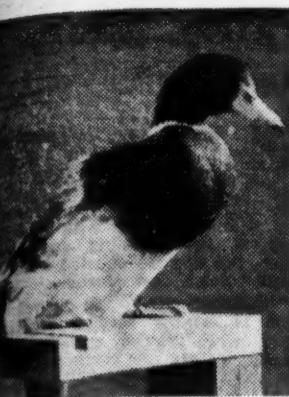
CAMP PICKETT, Va.—Major Chester Cruickshank, 17th Inf. S-3 officer of the 45th Division was among those selected on the all-American track and field team recently released by the AAU. Major Cruickshank was one of four who won their national championships after entering the service. He won the national honors in the hammer throw.

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Camp Grant's strong boxing team, current leaders in the Service Boxing League, and only undefeated team in the league has been entered in the Chicago Tribune's Tournament of Champions slated for Chicago Stadium, Feb. 22-24. Seven men will represent Camp Grant in seven weight classes.

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—Patty Berg, famed woman golfer, appeared in an exhibition match at Keesler Field recently. Miss Berg teamed with Lt. Emil H. Hastings to defeat Lt. George A. McLachlan of Gulfport Field and Miss Ruth Brown. Miss Berg shot 75, Hastings 82, Miss Brown 85, and McLachlan 78.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Pvt. Gu School of the 988th, Army Air Forces Training School No. 7, has averaged 212 in his last 21 bowling games. He holds the single game high with 256, the three-game high with 504 and led his team to a three-game high of 2,795.

TRUAX FIELD, Wis.—This story comes via Truax Field, although the event didn't actually occur there. A rather close basketball game in which several officers were playing was refereed by an enlisted man. A shrill blast of the whistle stopped the game while the official called a particularly obvious foul on a player. "One more trick like that," snapped the referee, "and I'll throw you out of the game." Then in the stillness that followed, he was heard to add meekly, "Sir," as he recognized the player at fault was a commissioned officer.



## Devens Digest

**FORT DEVENS, Mass.** — In her first visit to an Army post where WAACs are working, Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, director of the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps, came to Devens last week, held an inspection of the 34th WAAC Post Headquarters Company, and said she was "pleased with the way things are going at Devens."

### RADIO SHOW

"Pass In Review," a radio show starring soldier-talent of the post and sponsored by the Mutual Broadcasting System, was broadcast to the nation last week over a coast-to-coast hook-up.

Keynote of the program, and new to radio, was George Wright, 19, a private in the Army for only eight days, who narrated the broadcast. He gave the history of Devens, described his own experience with the Army, and introduced the members of the cast.

Pvt. Wesley Boynton and 1st Sgt. James Ross of Co. K, 366th Infantry Regiment, gave vocal solos, while the RRC orchestra supplied orchestral entertainment.

**NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD BROADWAY ACTOR** Ray Rand, cast as a young playwright who feigns measles in the gay comedy, "Room Service," played his part well in a performance given on the post recently.

After the show, Rand felt ill and his face was spotted. A checkup with the doctor revealed that Rand really had the measles and he was taken to the station hospital for a four-day stay.

### EN MASSE

Fate held a lucky incident in hand for 32 recent graduates of Dartmouth College when they reported at Devens for induction into the Army.

They went through processing together at the recruit reception center and ended up as a group in the same company—Company F. A few days later they were still together when they attended as a group the Dartmouth alumni annual dinner in Boston.

Their attendance was the result of a chance meeting by Maj. Herbert S. Potter with William Maeck, one of the Dartmouth men. A Dartmouth man himself, the major desired to have Maeck and his friends attend the annual dinner.

He contacted Col. W. O. Shrum, commanding officer of the RRC, and explained the situation. The colonel was enthused and a directive was sent to the CO of Company F to give the boys passes to attend the dinner in their new uniforms.

Designed to show the training of the nation's doctors for field duty with combat troops, the Office of War Information film will follow the home-town physician through his period of study at the Medical Field Service School. A public feature short, the picture shortly will be released for civilian audiences.

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## OWI Films Life Of Medical Officer

**CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa.**—Filming of the projected OWI motion picture, "Doctors in Khaki," commenced here this week with a crew of seven technicians, an ace cameraman, and movie and stage director Herman Shumlin in charge of production.

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## New Plastic Caps Good for Something

**FORT RILEY, Kans.**—Trainees at the Military Police Replacement Training Center learned this week that at least one piece of cumbersome Army equipment could be a mess in disguise.

For two days men recently ordered to wear large round plastic helmet linings, fumbled with chin straps, told one another they looked like turtles, and thanked their stars the headgear was only plastic and not the heavy steel helmets that cover the linings.

Then it rained. And the men who used to wish their Army garrison caps would keep off the rain found themselves warm and dry under their new plastic protectors.

## Soldiers Make Big Bond Purchases

**CAMP STEWART, Ga.**—A Camp Stewart private has just plunked down \$5,000 in cold cash for War Bonds, and another has bought \$500 worth. Pvt. John H. Wilson, of the guard, who was a restaurant and lumber mill owner in civilian life, made the \$5,000 purchase.

Pvt. Adolph Wirth, also of the guard, was the \$500 buyer. Fifty-six years old, Wirth has been in service since 1908 and saw action in France in the last war and service in the Philippines.

## Name Trouble

**CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.**—"Ya can't win," wailed 1st Sgt. Louis Bainter of the 338th Ordnance Co. last week, as he beheld the confusion that was the names of three replacements.

The top kick had bade fond fare-well to S/Sgt. Apostolous Mihopoulos and figured he could relax on his elocution lessons. But fate decreed he would inherit as replacements:

Deamantopala, Casteweechi and Calligui.

## Edwards AA Soldiers To Study Chemical War

**CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.**—Chemical warfare soon will become an active part in the training program of all anti-aircraftmen of the Anti-aircraft Artillery Training Center here, as the result of the establishing of a chemical warfare department under the direction of 2d Lt. Jerry L. Craven.

## Note to Infantrymen:

# Army Conserves Leather

**CAMP GRUBER, Okla.**—On the jagged rocks and rock-hard soil of this vast reservation American fighting men are wearing out Army shoes at the rate of two per year—big, toughened shoes requiring a great deal of good more leather than less rugged civilian footgear.

This fact, and others in the files of the Cookson hills encampment, might serve to show just what the newly-inaugurated shoe rationing program is doing to bring victory for the United Nations. Capt. George Mallory of the U. S. Quartermaster Corps reclamation plant at Camp Gruber pointed out last week.

As for shoe conservation, it's an old story to the Army, and civilians might well take a lesson from Camp Gruber fighting men who spend hours each month, applying polish, saddle soap and elbow grease in bringing their shoes to a glossy sheen.

"Take a look at the shoes of the next soldiers you see on a downtown street," Captain Mallory said. "Their shoes will be shined, an Army tradition that serves the dual purpose of being attractive and preserving leather."

The two pair of shoes worn out by Camp Gruber fighting men in the course of a year are aside and apart from "shoe reclamation"—a program that goes on at the big encampment continually, and leads to the return of repaired shoes to their soldier-owners ready to give 90 per cent of the wear of a brand-new issue, the captain disclosed.

On endless overnight hikes in the rocky hills of the reservation, on the dusty drill fields and roads of the cantonment, fighting men wear away the very soles and heels of toughened Army brogans about once every four months, he said.

Captain Mallory explained that shoe conservation is a policy pursued in the Army by means of weekly shoe inspections. Even the slightest wearing-away or break in the sole of a shoe is ground for repair.



**BATTERED** and torn by miles on the drill field and by endless hikes through rocky hill country, the heavy shoes (above) await repair in Camp Gruber's reclamation plant, signifying the Army's great demand for leather and characterizing its continual program of shoe-conservation.

In a move to conserve leather and prolong the life of shoes, the reclamation plant repairs, with a composition sole, everything other than footgear of size 12 or larger, he continued.

Heels used in repair work have a wooden core—an arrangement which conserves both leather and rubber.

The "two pair a year" stands for a complete wear-out and reissuance of new shoes, although the old worn-out pair might possibly be rebuilt in such a manner at a central repair depot that it is almost indistinguishable from an unused issue.

The standard Army shoe, however, represents only a portion of the fighting army's great need for leather. There are other items of footwear—boots, etc.—designed for special conditions, which demand far more leather than other Army shoes.

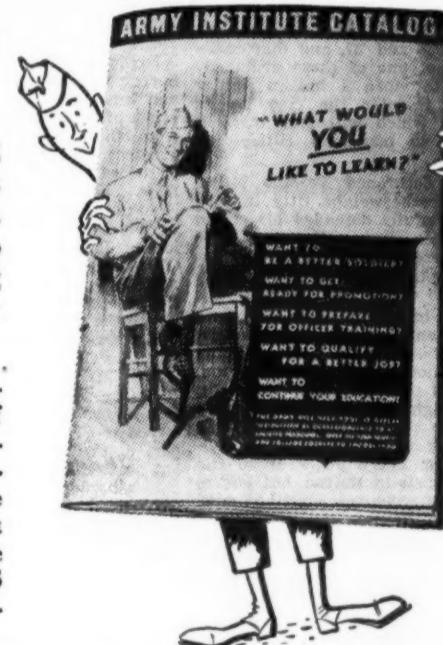
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## Soldiers on Leave Need Ration Books

Soldiers on leave or furlough will find they are being taken care of under the new point rationing system, the OPA says.

If the furlough is for seven days or longer, the soldier may present his papers to the local rationing board. The board will issue a point certificate, allowing enough points to cover his leave period. The grocer will accept this point certificate instead of point stamps. All the points in the certificate must be used at one time.

On other rationed foods such as sugar and coffee, housewives may apply to local rationing boards, as heretofore, for supplemental allotments to meet the requirements of an additional member in the family who is in the armed forces.

## Post Nears Perfect Insurance Record

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pa.—More than 99% of every 1000 soldiers passing through the New Cumberland Army Reception Center apply for National Service Life Insurance. Lt. Col. William A. Fulmer, post commander, announced the figures from the month-end summary of the insurance of the Reception Center, reported by Capt. W. W. Weidner, life insurance officer. These figures show that 99.91% of those eligible applied for life insurance in amounts ranging from the minimum of \$1,000, to \$10,000, the maximum.

## Ex-Champ Trains Anew at Shelby

By Tech. Sgt. F. E. Shepherd

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—In a camp, deep in the pine woods and hills of Mississippi, an ex-world's featherweight champion is in training again—he's on the come-back trail!

The ex-champ is Petey Sarron, that great little featherweight who ruled the roost in the featherweight division in 1936 and '37, and that comeback is not one of those ordinarily referred to when a broken fighter seeks to re-enter the ring, but a comeback which will give many a headache to managers Hitler and Tojo.

Sarron dethroned Freddie Miller for the featherweight title in 1936 and successfully defended his crown many times during the next two years before succumbing to the dynamite-packed fists of Henry Armstrong, the dusky ring veteran.

Looking back on Petey's record we find him entering the Southeastern States tryouts for the Olympic bouts in 1924. Though only a scrawny kid, he entered three divisions, fly-weight, bantamweight, and feather-weight—and to the surprise of all concerned coppered the titles in all three divisions. From there he went to the Olympic finals in Boston, but lost to the more experienced Fidel LaBarba.

His luck still with him, Sarron was chosen as an alternate on the United

States ring squad, which journeyed across the Atlantic to France for the Olympic games that year. But once across his luck deserted him, for he never entered the ring in the land of "parley voo." So back to the U. S. came Petey to tackle amateur boxing, at which he was so adept that only once in 64 bouts was he the loser.

His manager decided in 1925 that Sarron was ready for big-time boxing and introduced his protege into the ranks of professionals. Petey went on from there to become one of the greatest little boxers in the history of the game. Such big game as Benny Bass, Dan Crowder, Laurie Stevens, Frankie Wallace, Freddie Miller, Speedy Dado, Al Forman, Mike Bellouise, Joe Rivers, Midget Mike O'Dowd, Bobby Britton and Sammy Angott were faced by Petey under the arc lights and each time he was given the duke.

His fist career came to an end when he enlisted in the Alabama National Guard in 1940, going to Camp Blanding, Fla., with the 31st Division. When that division was transferred to Shelby he came along as a part of the 167th Infantry. At present he is assistant to the regimental chaplain and athletic officer. In spare moments Petey fills in as referee in basketball games and boxing matches in the field house.



## Soldiers Report They Like Pay-as-you-Go System

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Whether it's the increased pay or better budgeting by soldiers, or a combination, the "pay-as-you-go" system inaugurated over six months ago at Fort Bragg is working out for the men.

Fort Bragg was the first Army post to try out the new system which abolished the time-honored "canteen checks" along with credit for soldiers in the barber shop, movies on the post, and various other places whose bills usually ate up a considerable portion of the monthly pay envelope of soldiers everywhere.

The system was started at Fort Bragg Aug. 1, 1942, and, after a short trial, was considered so successful that the entire Army adopted it Nov. 1 of the same year. Advantages of the system pertain to the agencies formerly extending credit as well as the soldier. Personnel formerly employed in keeping accounts is now free for other duties, while reduced paper work increases efficiency of the concerns.

The soldiers, now that they are accustomed to it, prefer the new system. By paying cash for the theatre books—on which, incidentally, the rates have been reduced—and dealing in cash with post exchanges, dry cleaning and other firms, the average enlisted man worked out a new economy.

"It seems," one 21-year-old veteran with 14 months' service remarked, "that when you're spending real money instead of canteen checks you sorta watch yourself."

## Given Assignment

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz.—Major Charles J. Blackwood, highest ranking Negro line officer in the 93rd Division, has been put in charge of the Special Service Office in his division.

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# Bombardiers to Be Navigators Too

## AAF to Teach Men Two Jobs in Bomber Team

Aviation cadets who have been trained heretofore either as bombardiers or as navigators will in the future receive combined bombardier-navigator training under a new Army Air Forces training program announced by the War Department this week.

These new combination members of Army Air Forces bomber crews will receive full training courses at both bombardier and navigator schools, which are of 12 and 18 weeks' duration, respectively. In addition they will receive five weeks' training in aerial gunnery.

The new training program has not been established to economize in personnel. In the larger bombers, now carrying both a bombardier and a navigator, these will be replaced by 2 combination bombardier-navigator officers. Some combination bombardier-navigators already have been trained for lighter type bombing planes whose crew roster does not call for a specialist in each field.

The purpose of the new training policy is to enable one officer to

relieve the other in either capacity to lessen fatigue or in case one or the other is injured or killed.

Existing Army Air Forces training facilities in each of the two specialties will be utilized. No new schools or training courses will be established for the training of combination bombardier-navigator specialists.

During the transition period, it will be necessary to train enough personnel as bombardier officers and as navigator officers to meet current replacements. When the program reaches its final phase, however, only combination bombardier-navigators will be trained, except for a small percentage of navigators who will be trained specially for the Air Transport Command.

Students in training to become combination bombardier-navigators will be appointed flight officers or commissioned second lieutenants at the end of the first phase of the training. Those appointed flight officers will be commissioned second lieutenants at the successful completion of their second phase of training.

## Victory Longhairs Ready For Symphony Concert

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—The "Victory Division" Symphony Orchestra is rehearsing for a March concert at Camp Cooke, following the successful opening of its season with concerts Feb. 2 and 4.

Several hundred soldiers of the division and post and many civilians heard the 30-member "Little Symphony" perform on Tuesday night, Feb. 2, in the local sports arena, and on the following Thursday afternoon

## McClellan IRTC Blasts

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala.—Four Jeep-O stations were set up in Anniston, Ala., and points near the city this week as the campaign to provide relief from a critical transportation problem swung into its third week.

The Kiwanis Club of Anniston, sponsoring the civilian phase of the campaign, erected Jeep-O signs at the junction of Pelham Road and the Gadsden highway; 22nd and Noble, 14th and Noble and 10th and Gurnee in Anniston. In addition the club has enrolled all its own members and is embarking upon a drive to enroll other civilian motorists in the Jeepers' Club, which pledges the member to pick up a soldier at any of these designated stations and give him a lift as far as their destination makes it possible.

Members of the Jeepers' Club receive a windshield sticker which identifies them and enables a soldier to recognize the members.

Sixth Regiment trainee was asked to hose off the shoes of an officer. He turned the hose on the mud-laden GI's and did a good job — except he forgot to turn the shoes upside down. When the officer thrust his feet into them he found them half full of water.

Mail call in Company D, 10th Battalion, presents a real problem for Mail Clerk Pvt. Loren Stoller. He has two trainees by the name of Charles Gilbert and when he calls out the name, the query invariably

in the station hospital area. Among the "first nighters" was Maj. Jack W. Heard, commanding general.

Composed entirely of regular troops of the division, the Victory Division Symphony is conducted by T/5.

Scott O'Neal, who before entering the Army had taught and conducted at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and had played violin four years with the San Jose Symphony. The officer in charge of the soldier symphony is 1st Lt. Frederick N. Wiest.

The Victory Division men who performed the first concert were: first violins—Pvt. Richard L. Davis (conductor), T/4 Frank J. Poppolardo, Pvt. Arthur Altman; second violins—Pvt. Edward Francisco, T/5 William Freitzen, Pvt. Herman W. Wilkins; viola—Pvt. William Ezell; cello—T/5 Frank Martenez; bass viol—S/Sgt. Radiovoj Lah.

Oboe—T/4 Gerardo Diaz; flute—Pvt. Sherman McCaully, T/5 William H. Pike; Clarinets—T/4 Stanley Goldman, T/4 Harold McCabe; French horns—Pvt. Sanford Smith, Pvt. Vernon Morningstar.

Trumpets—T/4 Andrew Prebehalla, T/5 Juan J. Medina, Pvt. Bernard Ellis; Trombones—Pvt. Francis S. Ward, Pvt. Thomas Callinan; baritone—T/4 William Brosot (associate conductor); tympani—T/4 Irving Berger; percussion—T/4 Leonard Cowles, Pvt. Louis Ferrara.

## Quiz Answers

(See Page 11)

1. A.
2. B.
3. True.

4. C. The Navy Department says that subs when submerged can submit or receive radio signals only if the antenna is clear out of the water; that is, strictly speaking, when at periscope depth.

5. 20. According to the British Minister of Health.

6. False. However, neither is required to pay tax on that percentage of the wife's allotment contributed by the government.

7. 4,000,000. The estimate was made from insurance statistics smuggled out of Germany.

8. Madison, 1812; Polk, Mexican; Lincoln, Civil; McKinley, Spanish-American; Wilson, World War I and F.D.R.

9. 19.

10. A.

ion, and his hutmates from being "gigged" at a recent inspection. Private Ehrhardt had inadvertently left a blanket off his bunk as he made it up for the inspection. The omission wasn't discovered until the footfall of the inspecting officer was heard outside the hut.

The misplaced blanket was hastily stuffed in the bottom of his footlocker. But what to do when it came time for the officer to inspect the footlocker. Private Ehrhardt solved it. He simply inserted his body between the officer and the footlocker as he bent to open the latter and hastily whisked a neatly folded towel over the top of the concealed blanket. The inspection passed off and the hut inmates breathed a sigh of relief as he walked out without drawing out his little pad.



comes back. "Which one?" The usual practice is to next call out the first name of the soldier. When Stoller does this he still gets the query, "Which one?" So he has to refer back to the address and sing out the hometown of the Gilbert for whom the letter is intended.

But not all the headaches belong to the mail orderly. The Gilberts have their troubles, too. They frequently get each other's laundry, mail, shoes, clothes, etc.

### NOT GIGGED

A towel and a prayer and a bit of sleight of hand rescued Pvt. Charlie Ehrhardt, Company B, 19th Battalion.

## Three-in-One



THREE PAIRS of shoes a year may be the limit for a civilian, but Pfc. Gerald Rosenbaum, Company C, 180th Infantry, received three years' supply all at once. Rosenbaum, a boy with size 14½ feet, had run into all sorts of trouble getting a new pair of shoes. Three separate requisitions were turned in to the Quartermaster, but Rosenbaum went around for a long time in a well-worn pair. This week, surprising all onlookers, nine pairs (count 'em, including the ones he's wearing) were unloaded at C Company's supply room. "There's enough leather here," says Rosenbaum, "to keep me busy just shining it for the duration, and then some." Rosenbaum is in the 45th Infantry Division, now stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.

## Longhorn Lampon

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—"Which is it?" would be a typical question of a payroll clerk if he reads the name of Pvt. Sergeant Schwartz. The 141st Infantryman's name is "Sergeant;" his rank, private. A buddy of his is Vernon Sergeant, who is a private. Major Stephens, 636th Tank Destroyer, really is a private. There are four others in the division who answer "Major"—but this time as a last name: Pfc. Haldor E. Major, 141st Infantry; Pvt. Fred Major, 141st Infantry; and 1st Lt. Morton M. Major and Pfc. Vaughn D. Major, both 143rd Infantry.

### "YES, BROTHER SIR!"

Brothers of Company I, 143rd Infantry Regiment, are 1st Lt. Henry Waskaw, 24, commanding officer, and 1st Sgt. August Waskaw, 21. When Lieutenant Waskaw mobilized he was a private, his brother a sergeant.

### DOGFACE DIMENSIONS

Probably the largest top kick in this division is 310-pound 1st Sgt. Richard Pass of Company D, 141st Infantry. His boys call him "Tiny." One outstanding "footman," who is not an infantryman, is 6-foot, 6-inch T/5 Henry E. Behr of 636th Tank Destroyers, who wears shoes size 14½AA. Behr kicked his big about as a member of the "Tanks You" show's ballet chorus . . . With a little foot is Cpl. Lorn D. Sibley of 131st Field Artillery. Size: 4C.

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